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## FOREWORD

This project started out as a history of the descendants of my grandfather, Joseph<sup>3</sup> Rhode, who settled in southwestern Iowa in 1851. My father, Charles H. Rhode, had his farm located in this area of the state, so we made many trips to Tabor, Iowa, meeting many of Joseph Rhode's children and their families. In later years many of his descendants were visited on the Pacific Coast. This all gave me many contacts and much information so the Joseph<sup>3</sup> Rhode line was written up in detail.

Later I became interested in including the other Rhode branches. My father told me many stories of the family. His sisters Harriet, Martha and Sadie added much family lore. Father's brother, Seymour, wrote me many long letters on family history. Fern Williams of Tabor, Iowa, has been of great help.

Great credit is due Cora Rhode of Attica, Ind., and her daughters Ruth and Lillis for their assistance. Ellis Gray gave information on the Gray family. For the South Carolina background I was fortunate<sup>2</sup> to have the help of Annie Dash Moorner of South Carolina, a relative of Mary<sup>2</sup> Rhode. The notes of Mrs. Dolch of Attica, Ind., have been helpful also.

Off and on for some twenty years of extensive correspondence this history has been under way. To the many descendants who have cooperated in sending me their family records, my sincerest thanks.

After the close of the Revolution in America in 1782 there was a great migration from the states fringing the Atlantic coast to the west of Ohio and Indiana where unbroken land awaited the settler. Leaving South Carolina in the early 1800's the John<sup>1</sup> Rhode family took part in this migration, stopping first in Ohio and finally settling in western Indiana in 1826. In the early 1850's some of the second and third generations again pushed westward with their ox teams, leaving behind the older ones who had established their homes and farms in western Indiana. The American continent was spanned by Rhode descendants during the 1849 California gold rush, when Caleb and William Railsback, great-grandsons of John<sup>1</sup> Rhode, settled in California.

The first three Rhode generations were farmers almost exclusively and tended to form communities. In the fourth generation a few of the Rhode descendants started to branch out into other occupations.

Now, some 144 years since John Rhode left South Carolina, the Rhode descendants are widely scattered. However there are a number of communities settled in the early days where a large number of Rhode descendants have always lived. The principal settlements are as follows:

1st - South Carolina, Dorchester County, where John<sup>1</sup> Rhode owned and operated a plantation. When he left South Carolina his daughters Ester and Mary remained in this vicinity and raised families. No doubt some descendants still live in this area.

2nd - Warren County, Indiana. Here on the banks of the Wabash River in western Indiana, John<sup>1</sup> Rhode settled on a farm in 1826. Three of his sons, William, Jonathan, and Seymour farmed here, and most of their numerous descendants have farms in this vicinity. This is the largest Rhode settlement in America.



3rd - Salem, Iowa. In 1848 Thomas<sup>2</sup> Rhode, the 6th child of John<sup>1</sup> Rhode, took up land in Salem, Henry County, southeastern Iowa. There was a family of twelve children and many of his descendants still live in this area.

4th - Tabor, Iowa. Three grandsons of John<sup>1</sup> Rhode, namely Daniel, John and Joseph, in 1851 entered land in southwestern Iowa near what was later to be Tabor, Iowa. All raised large families and many of their numerous descendants still live in this vicinity, many of whom are engaged in farming. This is the second largest Rhode settlement in America.

5th - Sheridan, Wyoming. A number of Joseph<sup>3</sup> Rhode's descendants settled in this area, a son Guy Rhode a cattle rancher, a daughter Lucy, whose husband Henry Stevens, was in mercantile business, and a grandson Tom Hurst in the insurance field. A few descendants of Daniel<sup>2</sup> Rhode also settled here. All raised families, many of whom reside around Sheridan.

To the memory of the early Rhode pioneers, who trekked westward with their ox teams to conquer the wilderness and raise their families, we, their descendants, pay tribute. The pioneer spirit and determination of our ancestors to succeed has been passed on to succeeding Rhode generations.

The John Rhode descendants are universally good citizens, industrious, prosperous and religious as befits our pioneer ancestors. There is every reason for each of us to be proud of our heritage.

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## CHAPTER I

JOHN<sup>1</sup> RHODE

(1752 - 1840)



JOHN<sup>1</sup> RHODE  
First Generation of the Rhode Family in America

JOHN RHODE IMMIGRATES TO AMERICA

According to family tradition, John Rhode came to America from Germany. Where he lived in Germany, his parents, or his early occupation, nothing is known. The year he came to America is not known, but it has been said he arrived just before or some time during the Revolutionary War which was waged in America during the years 1776 to 1782. If John Rhode arrived at the beginning of the Revolution, he would have been 24 years of age. His occupation in America was farming. He was a Quaker in religious belief. Some of his children followed this belief.

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

There has always been a good deal of speculation in later years among the descendants of John Rhode as to his service in the Revolution.

The case for his service:

1. Family tradition that John Rhode came to America as a young man and enlisted in the Revolutionary Army.
2. One of his great-granddaughters Harriet (Rhode) McCormick (Joseph<sup>2</sup> Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) always insisted that she had learned from older members of the family that John Rhode took part in the Revolutionary War as a baggageman or teamster. As he was a Quaker his belief would not favor the bearing of arms (which was not always followed when settlers had to defend their homes), but he would be free to act as baggageman or teamster to aid the cause.
3. Rev. Peter Jacobs, Minister of the Congregational Church of Tabor, Iowa, in his Reminiscences published in the Tabor Beacon January 1934, stated: "John Rhode served under General Marion in the Commissary Department during the Revolution."
4. Fern Williams (Elsie<sup>4</sup> Allice<sup>3</sup> Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) of Tabor, Iowa, made the same statement in 1947 as Rev. Jacobs, adding that John Rhode was discharged in South Carolina.
5. It is well known that on Decoration Day, John Rhode's grave in the old Quaker Cemetery near Attica, Ind., was decorated as one of the Revolutionary soldiers.

The case against his service:

1. Mr. A. S. Sally, State Historian Commission of South Carolina, in a letter to Ellis Rhode, May 26, 1946, makes the following statement: "We have no record of a Revolutionary soldier of this State of South Carolina named John Rhode." (However this does not preclude him from serving in another state.)
2. He is not listed in the official records as a Revolutionary soldier.

Conclusion:

Family tradition from many sources as given insists that John Rhode served in the Revolution. While family tradition is very important and has to be taken into account, it cannot always be relied upon. There seems to be no official government confirmation of his service in any state. However there were many residents who took part in local skirmishes who were never regularly enrolled as soldiers. It is entirely possible that John Rhode took part in the war with General Marion, who was known as the "Swamp Fox" and who directed guerilla warfare in the vicinity of Charleston, S.C. near where John Rhode afterward settled on a plantation.





There is one other piece of information. (However, there were other John Rhodes listed in the 1790 census of S.C.) In the stub entries by A. S. Sally showing payment of Revolutionary claims against S.C. P188 is following entry:

"#479 Book P Issued this 9th of May 1785 to Mr. John Rhodes for three pounds 4S9--Sterling--for provisions for the State Troops & Militia in 1780-81 as part of the account audited. Principal S 4,9- Annual interest S 4.6"

#### JOHN RHODE MARRIES MARY LEWIS

John Rhode according to family records married Mary Lewis, who was born in 1734. So she was 12 years younger than he was. They were probably married in So. Carolina after the close of the Revolution. It is said they were married in a little stone church on a small island in the harbor of Charleston. Their first child, William, was born in 1785. Available marriage records (Clemons N & S Carolina marriage records) which are not complete, do not list this marriage. Nothing is known of the parents of Mary Lewis. A sister of Mary Lewis, whose name was Hester Lewis, is said to have married a Seymour Cobb, which was the first Rhode and Cobb to be united.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA CENSUS OF 1790 LISTS JOHN RHODE AS FOLLOWS:

Heads of Families  
First Census of the United States 1790  
State of South Carolina

Charleston District, Dorchester County, St. George Parish

Name of Family	White males of 16 yrs. & upward including head of family	Sons under 16 years	White females including wife	Slaves
John Road	1	3	1	2

Above is John Rhode, our ancestor. He had three sons at this time: William, born 1785, Jonathan 1788, and Caleb 1790. His other two sons and two daughters were born later. Also this was the location of his plantation as will be described later.

Now of course the spelling of Rhode is wrong. However, many of the census takers were unlettered and thousands of mistakes were reported in this census.

One other interesting thing about the census of this St. George Parish or Township is that there are three other "Roads" listed as heads of families, namely Henry Road, William Road and Christian Road. Could these be brothers or relatives of John Rhode? In those early times it was a common thing for relatives to settle in the same neighborhood. Annie Dash Moorner of Walterboro, S.C. thought it very possible that they may have been brothers of John Rhode. However family tradition so far as known has never mentioned any brothers of John Rhode.

#### OLD LAND GRANT OF JOHN RHODE PLANTATION

In 1948 Annie Dash Moorner of Walterboro, S.C., sent the author an old yellowed Land Grant (rescued from an attic) for the purchase of his South Carolina plantation. This grant, dated 1796, is mostly handwritten. On one side is a plat showing as boundaries the Edisto River and various trees.





A part is missing. It is made out to John Rode (note the spelling). No price is mentioned. The final words read: "Witness his Excellence Arnoldus Vanderhorst Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over said State, at Charleston this Fourth Day of January Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Six and in the Twentieth Year of the Independence of the United States of America."

This old grant gives confirmation of the family tradition that he had a plantation in South Carolina. It establishes the location on the Edisto River in Dorchester County, St. John's Parish near the town of St. George, about 50 miles from the port of Charleston. The size of the plantation was 500 acres.

It was very fortunate indeed that this historic document was found and made available to posterity.

#### JOHN RHODE A SLAVEHOLDER

Although John Rhode was a Quaker and the Quaker religion opposed human bondage, there was no other recourse for a plantation owner as slaves were the only farm labor available in the South in those times.

The 1790 Census of South Carolina as listed in a preceding paragraph showed John Rhode as owning 2 slaves. No doubt after he acquired the 500 acre plantation in 1796 he increased the number of slaves. John Rhode left South Carolina probably in about 1814, which would have made him operating this plantation for about 18 years, so by the time of leaving he no doubt owned a great many slaves.

What he raised on this plantation is not known, but probably various crops including cotton and rice, needing much hand labor in those times.

#### JOHN RHODE'S SONS WILLIAM AND JONATHAN LEAVE S.C.

The oldest son William left S.C. for Ohio about 1811 in company with others in the neighborhood. It is said that one of the reasons for leaving was to leave slavery behind as he was a Quaker. Thus was started the first Rhode migration to the west that was finally in the years to come to reach the Pacific Coast.

Jonathan also probably left at about the same time as he was married in Ohio in 1812.

#### SLAVERY BECOMES UNPROFITABLE

In the 1800's slavery was becoming less profitable in the Carolinas. The plantation owner with slaves had to hustle to break even. So John Rhode decided to leave South Carolina and join the throng that at that time was pouring west. The disposal of the plantation is not known. It is said that each slave was given his choice of three things.

1. Stay on the plantation as free men.
2. Select the man they wished to be sold to.
3. Go with their Master John Rhode to Ohio, where they would be free.

It is said that a number of slaves decided to go along with their master, which is evidence that John Rhode treated his slaves fairly and kindly.

From all accounts John Rhode was a man of great deal of push and energy. He was one of those individuals having that trait of wanting to get something ahead for a rainy day, a trait noticeable in his descendants. It is said when leaving S.C. his wealth was in silver coins, which according to family tradition filled a good sized black trunk. How much was in the trunk one can only guess. It is said this old black trunk was kept in the Rhode family for generations. A grandson, Joseph Rhode, is said to have told his children that the old black trunk in the attic of his Iowa home was the original black





trunk that John Rhode had used to carry his silver coins away from South Carolina.

#### THE TREK TO OHIO AND INDIANA

The year of John Rhode's leaving S.C. probably was about 1814, as Annie Dash Moorer of S.C. found evidence of his signing legal documents in S.C. at that date. Accompanying John Rhode was his wife Mary and their three younger sons. Their ages at that time: Caleb 24, Thomas 17, and Seymour 14. As has been stated above, sons William and Jonathan had left S.C. some time before. Left behind were John Rhode's daughters Ester and Mary, who had married. Whether any neighbors were in the caravan is not known.

The route followed by John Rhode was probably the main route the Virginians and South Carolinians followed, which passed from the valley of the Shenandoah through the mountains into Kentucky, whence they and the Kentuckians reached southwestern Ohio.

No doubt a number of wagons were taken drawn by oxen. According to Fannie (Rhode) Cobb, a descendant of William<sup>2</sup> Rhode, as told to a distant cousin Fern Williams and a niece Ruth (Rhode) Fisher, the following stops were made on the trip that finally ended in Warren County, western Indiana, in 1826.

- First - Settled in "Western Reserve" a strip of land in northern Ohio bordering Lake Erie. The "Western Reserve" had formerly belonged to the State of Connecticut, but was taken over by Ohio when she was admitted as a state in 1803.
- Second - They moved to Seymour in southern Indiana.
- Third - They moved to Warren County in southern Ohio.
- Fourth - They moved to Wayne County near Richmond in eastern Indiana, where Indiana census records of 1820 are said to show they were residents.
- Fifth - To Warren County, Indiana, near the town of Attica, on the banks of the Wabash River in the western part of the state. Here on 13 Sept. 1826 John Rhode entered 357 acres of land, where he made his permanent residence.

#### INDIANA THE PROMISED LAND

After so many stops in various places in Ohio and Indiana, the country along the banks of the Wabash River in Warren County, western Indiana, evidently was the promised land for John and his wife Mary, along with their sons, some with families as the Rhode family had increased in size in the years since they had left South Carolina. The slaves they had taken with them from South Carolina had been freed in Ohio. The old black trunk was opened up again and successive land entried were made by various members of the family. All five sons, William, Jonathan, Caleb, Thomas and Seymour, engaged in farming in this area. Later Caleb, Thomas and Seymour moved west.

So in 1826 was started the second settlement of the Rhode family in America. This settlement in the years to come was destined to become the largest settlement that the descendants of John and Mary Rhode were to make.

#### FARMS CARVED OUT OF THE WHITE OAK FORESTS OF INDIANA

John Rhode was like the old Indiana Hoosier who said: "Now, Josh, you get a plenty while you're gettin' sez I" - so John Rhode and his sons entered large tracts of land and proceeded to chop and grub farms out of the primitive white oak forest. There was very little prairie land as most of the land was heavily timbered. It has been said that this was the finest stand of hardwood timber that the world has ever produced.

A small part of this timber was used for buildings and rail fences, but the greater part was chopped down, the logs rolled together and burned. The





stumps had to be grubbed out before the land was ready for the plow. Some of the stumps that were left at first, were to be grubbed out from time to time in later years. Unless one has actually cleared land himself he has little idea of the back breaking job it is to get timber land ready for the plow. In those days it was no wonder the Hoosier was famed for his ability with the axe.

In the early days 1820 to 1840, the Wabash, White and Ohio rivers were the highways of commerce; and nine-tenths of the surplus produce was shipped down these streams by flatboat to the Mississippi River and to New Orleans.

#### DESCRIPTION OF PIONEER DAYS IN INDIANA\*

"No one could guess from the aspect of Indiana today that when the first settlers entered it the greater portion was covered with dense growths of magnificent hardwood trees--oak, walnut, beech, ash, maple and the king of the Wabash valley, the giant sycamore--in all more than 40 kinds of trees, which not infrequently reached a height of 100 to 190 feet and a circumference of 25 to 35 feet. It makes one shudder to realize that most of these huge and splendid forest monarchs did not even furnish timber or fuel, or serve any useful purpose. They were simply cut, piled in heaps, and burned with immense labor to clear the land for planting. It could not be helped. The forest was a barrier to progress, a foe to agriculture, and a refuge for Indians, bears, panthers, wildcats, and lynxes, as well as for deer and other gentler wild creatures.

"The stout Hoosier pioneers, snatching at every opportunity to sweeten toil and hardship with fun and frolic, made the 'log-rolling' a community festival. The 20 to 50 men of a neighborhood would gather early in the day with axes and handspikes at the home of one of their number, and, divided into opposing squads, would make a game of seeing which side could outdo the other in heaping the logs for burning. In the log cabin their women folk were busy quilting and preparing the feast of venison, roast turkey, fried chicken, hog, hominy, potatoes, hot cornbread, biscuit, and gingerbread, pies, preserves, milk and cider. In the evening the young people would still have energy left for dancing and games, while a hundred flaring log bonfires lit the sky. Each settler received the same help from his neighbors, so the festivity was repeated many times during the season, usually April or May.

"The log-rolling was a splendid opportunity for political candidates to ingratiate themselves with the voters; an opportunity, too, for the canny farmer, who, it is said, would sometimes postpone his log-rolling until campaign time in order to profit by the enthusiastic labor of rival candidates. ('Log-rolling' by the way, still remains in our political vocabulary as a term for barter of political favors and services."

#### SEYMOUR T. RHODE'S IMPRESSIONS OF INDIANA IN 1870 and 1910\*\*

"In 1870 when I visited Indiana, there were a few odd tracts of this very magnificent timber left standing. Uncle Seym had about 20 acres that there never had been an axe in; mammoth oaks many of them 60 feet or more to the nearest limb, and with a superb spread of tops. As a young man, from the prairie country of Iowa, it surely was impressive,

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\*Quoted from Compton's Encyclopedia 1932 Edition Vol.7 page 47

\*\*Quoted from a letter written in 1934 by Seymour T. Rhode (Joseph<sup>3</sup> Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) of Randolph, Iowa, to his nephew, Ellis G. Rhode.





and a very lasting effect. Forty years later, in 1910, while visiting with the Gray family at Odessa, Indiana, my Cousin Harvey Garton, drove me to an 80 acre tract that had been preserved. In fact this 80 acres stood like a mountain in a valley. The timber was mostly oak and yellow poplar. The effect is lasting to this day. But alas, time was called on the preserver and the heirs were calling for their share. Harvey Garton said the tract had been sold for \$1000 per acre, or \$80,000, for the timber alone. I thought of the back breaking work, those old timers had done, in getting rid of their timber: chopping down the trees, piling the logs, then burning, and to think of the stumps to wrestle with after the logs and limbs were off."

(Today there are few of the original trees left standing in this part of the state; it looks like it had always been a prairie country.)

#### DRAINING THE LAND

After the land in western Indiana was cleared, it was found that it was not well drained; there was much sickness, chills and fever were the regular thing. Because of the wetness of the land, it was almost impossible to raise crops, so the land had to be ditched and tiled. The first tiling was 3 inch, then retiled with 4 inch tiling, which was later dug up, and 6 inch to 18 inch tile was put in which gave good drainage.

#### THE JOHN RHODE HOUSE

Seymour T. Rhode of Randolph, Iowa, in his letter written in 1934, continues:

"On this trip to visit the Rhode relatives in Indiana in 1910, I visited John Rhode's old residence. It was built of brick. It stood in a field, and at that time, after almost four score of years, was in an excellent state of preservation. I splintered some wood off the window frames, but I suppose they are long since lost in the shuffle."

(In 1958, after around 130 years, part of this old house still stands, but it has not been occupied for many years.)

#### LAND STILL FARMED BY DESCENDANTS OF JOHN RHODE

The land selected by John Rhode and his sons in western Indiana, is still in the hands of their descendants. Not only have the descendants held the original tracts of land, but they have bought adjoining land, so that much of the land around Pineville and Attica is owned and farmed by Rhode descendants.

The following is a quotation from the Fountain-Warren Democrat published at Attica, Indiana, under the date of 16 January 1940:

"Not only is the Rhode family numbered among the first families of Warren County, coming here from the Carolinas; but today it is among the leading families of the county, with a record of more than a century spent in the development and upbuilding of the county."



### SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF JOHN AND MARY RHODE

William	(1785-1858)	married Sarah Murray. 13 children. Farmers. Warren Co., Ind.
Jonathan	(1788-1845)	married Mary Anderson. 8 children. Farmers. Warren Co., Ind.
Caleb	(1790- )	married Rachael Martingale. 4 children. Lived in Kansas.
Ester	(1794- )	married Summers. 4 children. Lived in South Carolina.
Mary	(1796-1836)	married Wm. Murray, Jr. 3 children. Farmed plantation South Carolina.
Thomas	(1797-1858)	married Mary Ballard. 12 children. Farmers. Salem, S.E. Iowa.
Seymour	(1802-1861)	married Rebecca Hurley, 6 children. Farmer Warren Co. Ind.; moved to Iowa in 1855.

### LAST RESTING PLACE OF JOHN RHODE AND MARY (LEWIS) RHODE

John Rhode passed away 13 July 1840 at the age of 88 years. Mary Rhode, his wife, died 8 January 1843, at the age of 78, living  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years after the passing of her husband. They are buried in the Quaker Rhode family graveyard, located on the old John Rhode homestead, between Pine Village and Attica, Ind. Many of their descendants have since been buried in this family cemetery.

As a young man John Rhode had left his home and friends, and the familiar scenes of his homeland, and had crossed the wide ocean to the strange new land of America; where in the early pioneer days of America he was to take an important part in building a new country, destined to become great and strong in the years to come.

John Rhode and his wife Mary lived long and eventful lives during these early pioneer days of America, starting with Revolutionary War times, taking part in the historic migration from the Atlantic seaboard to midwest America, where with their sturdy sons they founded the second Rhode settlement in America.

They lived to see their sons raise families of their own, and prosper in upbuilding and developing together the agricultural resources of this largest Rhode settlement, which has been continued by their descendants.

JOHN RHODE and MARY (LEWIS) RHODE — early American pioneers.

FOUNDERS OF THE RHODE FAMILY IN AMERICA.







(2nd and 3rd generations)

1st generation	2nd generation	3rd generation
<p>John<sup>1</sup> Rhode 1752 - 1840</p> <p>m. Mary Lewis 1764 - 1843</p>	<p>William<sup>2</sup> Rhode 1785 - 1858</p> <p>m.-Sarah Murray 1787 - 1866</p>	<p>Mary<sup>3</sup> Rhode, 1807- M-Wm. Railsback, 10 ch. Wm. Rhode, 1809-1900, M-Martha Cobb, 8 ch. John Rhode, 1812-. M-Eliz. Little, 5 ch. Thomas Rhode, 1814, died in infancy Lewis Rhode, 1816-1906, M-Eliz. Clifton, 3 ch. Martha Rhode, 1819-57, M-John W. Gray, 4 ch. Isaac Rhode, 1821-72, M-Mary McChord, no ch. Joel Rhode, 1823-91, M-Ellen Reed, 1 ch. Semer Rhode, 1825-96, M-M.Pearce, 3 ch. Jane Rhode, 1829-1917, M-John W.Gray, 1 ch. Caleb Rhode, 1827-1915, M-M.Pearce, 2 ch. Son died in infancy Jacob Rhode, 1833-1819, M-Mary Russell, 3 ch.</p>
	<p>Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Rhode 1788 - 1845</p> <p>m.-Mary Anderson 1785 - 1843</p>	<p>Hester Rhode, 1813-14. Died in infancy. Daniel Rhode, 1814-88, M.-Mary McCord, 1st, 7 ch Allice Rhode, 1816-88, M.-Wm. Cobb, 9 ch. John Rhode, 1817-97, M.-Mary Cobb, 1st, 11 ch. Joseph Rhode, 1819-86, M.-Eliz.Gray, 1st, 14 ch. Hanna Rhode, 1821-62, M.-Robt.McCord, 8 ch. Caleb Rhode, 1822-88, M.-Eliz.McCord, 9 ch. Seymour Rhode, 1825-74, M.-Lucy Benge, 6 ch.</p>
	<p>Caleb<sup>2</sup> Rhode 1790 --</p> <p>m.-Rachael Martingale</p>	<p>Seymour Rhode Polly Rhode, M.-James Frazier Ester Rhode, b.1826, M-1st,J.Picard, 3ch.; 2nd Caleb Lewis, 3 ch. Harvey Rhode, M.-Swadner</p>
	<p>Ester<sup>2</sup> Rhode 1794 -</p> <p>M.-Summers</p>	<p>George Summers Daughter, M.-Hiram Appelby Frances, M.-Horne, 1 ch. Carrie, M-Horne, no ch.</p>
	<p>Mary<sup>2</sup> Rhode 1796 - 1836</p> <p>m.-Wm.Murray Jr.</p>	<p>John Murray, 1819- M.-Mary Moorer, 6 ch. Joseph Murray, 1824-98 M.-Mary Murray, 6 ch. Thomas Murray, 1832-62 M.-Eliza Moorer, 6 ch.</p>
	<p>Thomas<sup>2</sup> Rhode 1797 - 1867</p> <p>m.-Mary Ballard 1798 - 1872</p>	<p>Sarah Rhode, 1818-46, m.-Amos Barnett Ester Rhode, 1820-61, m.-Thos. Pickard, 3 ch. John Rhode, 1823-1900, m.-Cath.Pickard, 2 ch. Eliz.Rhode, 1824-47 m.-Campbell Mote Mary Rhode, 1825-57 m.-Perry Mote Joseph Rhode, 1827- Almeda Rhode, 1830-1912 m.-Richard Wroe, no ch. Susanna Rhode, 1830-61 Calob Rhode, 1834-63, m.-Virginia Hayes, 2 ch Rhoda Rhode, 1837-1926, m.-J.J.Wilmeth, 8 ch. Julia Rhode, 1839-60 Rebecca Rhode, 1841-1922, m.-I.Matthews, 6 ch.</p>
	<p>Seymour<sup>2</sup> Rhode 1800 - 1861</p> <p>m.-Rebecca Hurley</p>	<p>William Rhode, 1827, died in infancy Thomas Rhode, 1834-64, m.-Elizabeth 3 ch. Jonathan Rhode, 1830-95, m.-Dorothy Gray, 6 ch. Hester Rhode, m.Seymour Gray, 6 ch. Caleb C. Rhode, 1836-82, m.Jemima Wolf, 5 ch. Mary L. Rhode, died in 1839 in infancy</p>



## CHAPTER II

### CHILDREN OF JOHN<sup>1</sup> RHODE

#### Chart of Descendants

1. William<sup>2</sup> Rhode and Descendants
2. Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Rhode (Descendants Chap. 3)
3. Caleb<sup>2</sup> Rhode and Descendants
4. Ester<sup>2</sup> Rhode and Descendants
5. Mary<sup>2</sup> Rhode and Descendants
6. Thomas<sup>2</sup> Rhode and Descendants
7. Seymour<sup>2</sup> Rhode and Descendants





## 1. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> RHODE AND DESCENDANTS

### BIRTHPLACE AND MARRIAGE

William<sup>2</sup> Rhode, the first child of John and Mary Rhode, was born in South Carolina 23 Dec. 1785, died in Warren County, Ind., 5 Nov. 1858. He married Sarah Murray in South Carolina on 22 May 1806, who was born in South Carolina 28 Jan. 1787 and died in Warren County, Ind. 1 Dec. 1866. Both buried in Rhode Quaker cemetery near Pine Village, Warren County, Ind. They were farmers. William Rhode was a Quaker in religious belief.

### MURRAY FAMILY\*

The Murray family was started in America by William<sup>1</sup> Murray, who came from Scotland to America about 1715 and settled in Virginia. He and his wife had a son William<sup>2</sup> Murray, who settled in Charlotte, South Carolina, married and had a son William<sup>3</sup> Murray, who was born in 1754 and in 1781 married Martha McQuillan, who came from Ireland.

William<sup>3</sup> Murray served in the Revolution. He settled on a plantation on the Edisto River near St. George, close to the John<sup>1</sup> Rhode plantation. There were 7 children born to William<sup>3</sup> Rhode and his wife Martha. The first child, William<sup>4</sup> Murray was born in 1782 and married first Mary Hughes of the pioneer Hughes family. There were 4 children, William<sup>5</sup>, David, Elizabeth and Suzanne. After his first wife's death in 1812, William<sup>4</sup> married, second, Mary<sup>2</sup> Rhode, who was the sister of William<sup>2</sup> Rhode.

The fourth child born to William<sup>3</sup> Murray and his wife Martha, was Sarah<sup>4</sup> Murray, who married William<sup>2</sup> Rhode. So Mary<sup>2</sup> Rhode's husband and William Rhode's wife were brother and sister.

### PARENTS

William<sup>2</sup> Rhode was the oldest of 7 children, consisting of 5 boys and 2 girls born to John<sup>1</sup> Rhode and his wife Mary (Lewis) Rhode. John<sup>1</sup> Rhode, according to tradition, came from Germany to America before the Revolution. He was a Quaker in religious belief. In 1796 John<sup>1</sup> Rhode bought a 500 acre plantation on the Edisto River near St. George, South Carolina, which is about 30 miles from Charleston, S. C. He owned slaves.

In about 1814 John Rhode, wife, and sons left South Carolina for Ohio and finally settled in Warren County, Ind., in about 1820, taking up land from the government. His oldest son William and family had, to our best knowledge, left Indiana several years previous. Mary and Ester, the two daughters of John<sup>1</sup> Rhode, remained behind in S.C. as they had married and were living on plantations of their own.

### QUAKERS DID NOT BELIEVE IN SLAVERY

One of the tenets of the Quaker religion was that they did not believe in human bondage, which later on was to bring on the Civil War. In plantation operation slaves were the only labor available in those times. After the Revolution however plantation operation and slave holding became less profitable than before. Whether William Rhode owned a small plantation, farmed with his father, or owned slaves is not known. However he was a Quaker and did not want to have anything to do with the slave business, so the best thing was to move west to a free country.

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\* Murray family history from memoirs of Anna Dash Moorner of Walterboro, S.C. who is a descendant of William<sup>2</sup> Murray.





Others in this community of South Carolina shared the feelings of William Rhode. Mrs. Ruth Price (a Murray descendant) of Brookdale, Miss., in 1918 stated: "Caleb Esterling and William Rhode (they married sisters) were Quakers, did not believe in slavery, and moved to Indiana." Also, according to Anna Dash Moorer (a Murray descendant and family historian of S.C.) several families left from this community at about the same time for reasons of opposing slavery, namely Thomas Hughes, Mary (Hughes) Canby and her husband, Caleb Esterling and William Rhode.

#### TREK TO INDIANA

In all probability some or most of the above mentioned families left together in a caravan of ox teams traveling over the Allegheny mountains and down into the Ohio River valley. The date was probably prior to 1811 as old deeds show land transactions in Wayne County, Ind. by Canby and Hughes in 1811.

So William Rhode was evidently the first Rhode to join the great migration after the Revolution into the promised land of the west, as Ohio and Indiana were called then. In the years to come future Rhode generations were to push farther west until the continent was spanned.

William's father and brothers were to follow a few years later. At the time of their trek William and wife had two small children, Mary born in 1807 and William<sup>3</sup> born in 1809. The story of the trip and the route taken has been lost with the passing of the years; after all at this writing in 1959 it was around 148 years ago.

William Rhode and his companions pushing westward to a new unbroken country were truly pioneers and they went with a clear conscience that they had left behind them slavery.

#### WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> RHODE SETTLES IN INDIANA

The U. S. Census of 1820 lists William Rhode, wife and 5 children as residents of Wayne County, Indiana. In addition it lists his brother Jonathan Rhode, wife and 4 children. Of course that brings up the possibility that Jonathan may have accompanied his brother William on this trek. However Jonathan Rhode married Mary Anderson in Ohio in 1812, and their oldest child was born in Ohio in 1814.

William Rhode followed farming in Wayne County, Indiana.

Now in the meantime, around 1814, William's father John Rhode, wife and remaining sons Thomas, Caleb, and Seymour had left South Carolina and finally settled in Warren County, Indiana, where they took up land from the Government. John Rhode's two daughters, Mary and Ester, had married and remained in South Carolina.

In 1827 William Rhode and family left Wayne County, Ind. for Warren County, Indiana, where he took up land adjoining his father and brothers. Probably his brother Jonathan and family went at the same time. The U. S. Census of 1830 lists the five brothers, William, Jonathan, Thomas, Caleb and Seymour as all living in Warren County, Ind.

#### LIFE AS A FARMER IN WARREN COUNTY

William spent his remaining 31 years farming near Attica, Ind. The land when first taken up was covered with a growth of forest that had to be cleared and then drained, a prodigious undertaking. Eventually he owned a large tract of land, becoming one of the prosperous farmers in this area.

#### CHILDREN

There were 13 children born to William<sup>2</sup> Rhode and his wife Sarah (Murray) Rhode. All lived to adulthood except the two children who died in infancy. All 8 sons became prosperous farmers in Warren County, except Isaac, who





settled on a farm near Lead Hill, Arkansas, in the northwestern part of the state (some of Isaac's brothers had an interest in this farm). Two of the daughters married farmers in Warren County. Thirteen children. (Rhode) Mary, William, John, Thomas, Lewis, Martha, Isaac, Joel, Semer, Caleb, Sarah, Jacob, and a son (name unknown).

1. MARY<sup>3</sup> RHODE, born 27 Feb. 1807, in South Carolina, died 1873, Indiana; married 21 Apr. 1823 to William Railsback, a farmer, who was born 10 Nov. 1803 and died 7 Oct. 1878. Both buried near Bethel Church at Attica, Ind. with some of their children. At one time they lived in Kankekee, Ill. Three of their children, Caleb, Elizabeth and William settled on farms near Hanford, California.

William<sup>3</sup> Railsback's father David<sup>2</sup> Railsback married Sarah Stevens. David served in the Revolution as assistant wagon boy to a brother Edward, and an older brother Henry was a company officer in the Army of General Gates, was<sup>3</sup> captured by the British and never got home.

William<sup>3</sup> Railsback's grandfather Henry<sup>1</sup> Railsback and wife Elizabeth came from Hamburg, Germany, landing in America in May 1765. They lived at Yadkin River, Rowen County, North Carolina. Henry<sup>1</sup> Railsback also had 2 brothers who came to America from Hamburg, Germany. There were 9 children (Railsback).

- I. Caleb<sup>4</sup> Railsback and his brother William left Indiana for California during the Gold Rush of 1849. They went by boat, crossing the Isthmus of Panama on foot. When they arrived in San Francisco it is said they had 5¢ between them. Caleb and William Railsback were the first Rhode descendants to reach the West Coast in the western migration from the Eastern seaboard. They first settled in Petaluma near San Francisco. Later they moved to Hanford, Kings County, California, where they purchased large ranches.

Caleb<sup>4</sup> Railsback married Mary Caroline Kanaroe; it is said she came overland to California. There were 7 children (Railsback).

- (1) Mary<sup>5</sup> Railsback married Alf Lane. They were farmers near Hanford, Calif. 3 children: Jessie, Howard, and Floyd. The latter, Floyd, is in the Insurance Business in Oakland, Calif.

- (2) George Railsback married Sarah Chambers. Farmers, Hanford, Calif. Two children.

1. Mary<sup>6</sup> Railsback married Allif; live in Lemoore, Calif

2. George Railsback (1884-1949) married 1907 Floy Joiner who was born in Texas. George Railsback was a farmer near Hanford, Calif. and later an electrician in Alameda, Calif. There was one child.

- a. Richard<sup>7</sup> Railsback born 1912. Married

(1st) Helen Lang - 1 child, Robert.

(2nd) Margaret Meyer - 2 children, Christine born 1948 and Scott 1950.

Richard Railsback is an Orthodontist in Oakland, California.

- (3) Walter Railsback
- (4) Sherman Railsback
- (5) Frank Railsback
- (6) Oscar Railsback
- (7) Ada Railsback married Cort Newport.



William<sup>2</sup> Rhode (continued)

II. Elizabeth Railsback married Wm. J. Newport (1864-1904). They lived on a ranch near Hanford. He was a County Supervisor, Bank Director, and prominent citizen of the county. There were 6 children (Newport)

- (1) Ada Newport
- (2) Augusta Newport
- (3) Ernest Newport
- (4) Rofa Newport
- (5) Mildred Newport
- (6) Walter Newport

III. David Railsback, born Wayne County, Indiana, 1827, died Champaign, Ill., 1865. Married Aug. 24, 1854, Adaline C. Coe born 1833, died 1901, Indianapolis, Ind. David Railsback graduated DePauw University, Ind., with degree A.B. in 1854 and A.M. in 1858. Ordained a Methodist Minister. There were 5 children: William, Charles, Elmer, Frank, Edward.

IV. John Railsback

V. Joel Railsback

VI. Sarah Railsback

VII. Martha Railsback

VIII. Rosa Railsback

IX. William Railsback. Came to California during Gold Rush days in 1849 with brother Caleb as mentioned under Caleb Railsback. Lived at Hanford, Calif. Rancher.

2. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> RHODE, second child of William and Sarah Rhode, born 29 Dec. 1809 died March 1900; married 13 Oct. 1831 in Warren Co. (2nd) Martha Cobb, a daughter of Seymour Cobb. 8 children. All were farmers (Rhode)

- (1) Rachael
- (2) Ester
- (3) Mary
- (4) Elizabeth
- (5) Isaac
- (6) Richard
- (7) Martha
- (8) Vivian

3. JOHN W. RHODE, born Feb. 1812. Married Elizabeth Little. They lived on a farm near Milford, Ill. in Iriquois County. There were 5 children.

I. George Rhode; married \_\_\_\_\_ They lived at Oxford, Ind.  
There was one daughter.

II. Elizabeth Rhode.

III. Mary Ruth Rhode; married \_\_\_\_\_ Gordon. There were 4 children: George, John and 2 girls. They lived at Oxford, Ind.

IV. Wm. Rhode.

V. Martha Rhode.

4. THOMAS RHODE, born 13 May 1814; died in infancy.





William<sup>2</sup> Rhode (continued)

5. LEWIS RHODE, born 10 Dec. 1816, Wayne County, Ind., died 1906. Married in Warren Co., Inc., 29 Jan. 1843, Elizabeth Jane Clifton, born 26 July 1825, Sussex County, Delaware. They lived on a farm in Warren Co., Ind. Lewis Rhode lived to be 91 years of age; belonged to the Masonic Lodge, was Township Clerk, Justice of the Peace, and Township Trustee. He was known as "Uncle Luke." There were 3 children.
- I. John Wesley Rhode. Married Fanny Jones, born 1849. They owned and farmed 600 acres of land in Warren Co., Ind. 3 children:
    - (1) Lula Rhode, Married Oakley Bright. They were farmers in Warren County, Ind. 2 children.
      - 1. Asher Bright
      - 2. Daughter
    - (2) Coral Rhode, married \_\_\_\_\_ Grames. Farmers, Warren County, Ind. 2 children.
      - 1. Glen Grames
      - 2. Russell Grames
  - II. Thomas Rhode, married Emily Wattles. Farmers, Warren Co. Ind. 2 children:
    - (1) Floy Rhode married \_\_\_\_\_ Coolman. Missionaries in Japan. 1 child.
    - (2) Bessie Rhode married \_\_\_\_\_ Builta, a Minister. Lived in New York. 1 child.
      - 1. Thomas Builta, married \_\_\_\_\_; one son.
  - III. Newt Rhode, born 13 Sept. 1851; married Laura Wattles. Farmers, Oxford, Ind. 1 child.
    - (1) Wattle Rhode
6. MARTHA RHODE, born 22 Feb. 1819, died 3 Jan. 1851. Married 24 Jan. 1838 John Wesley Gray, born 22 Feb. 1819, died Jan. 1859. Farmers, Warren Co. Ind. 5 children.
- I. Semer Gray, died Ottawa, Kansas; married \_\_\_\_\_; 7 children. Wesley, Emma, Birdie, Dora, Joel, Addie, son.
  - II. Sarah Gray, married Basil Wattles, 1 child.
    - (1) Ida Lee Wattles, married Hillyer, 4 children: Grace, Kenneth, Vern, Tracey.
  - III. Mary Elizabeth Gray, married Rev. S. H. Lewis; 4 children
    - (1) Lydia Jane Lewis married Misner. 2 children
      - 1. Dale Hillyer Misner married Hester. 1 child, Margaret.
      - 2. Albert Dean Misner
    - (2) Carrie Adelle Lewis, married Cheak. Lived in Attica, Ind. 4 children.
      - 1. Chester Wesley Cheak, lived in St. Louis
      - 2. Bonnie Leah Cheak, married Powell, lived at Attica, Ind. 2 children: Ruth, Marjorie.
      - 3. Glen Harold Cheak, lived in Indianapolis, married, 1 child, Bill.
      - 4. Lena Ruth Cheak, married Rex Rabb, 2 children: Rex, Margaret.
    - (3) Marasalina Lewis, married Lutz. Lived Cheyenne, Wyoming. 2 children.
      - 1. Lewis M. Lutz, pastor at Wayanuege, Wis. Married, 2 children: Jo, Zora.
      - 2. Eugenia Worth Lutz, married Hunter, 2 children: Jack, Merideth.





William<sup>2</sup> Rhode (continued)

- (4) Martha Olive Lewis, married McDowell, lived Attica, Ind.  
2 children: Mary, Paul.

IV. Joel North Gray, married \_\_\_\_\_; lived at Attica; 2 children,  
died in infancy.

7. ISAAC RHODE, born 14 Feb. 1821, died in Arkansas 3 June 1872. Married Mary Eleanor McCord, late in life, it is said. He settled on a 139 acre farm near Lead Hill in Boone County, Ark., which is in NW part of state near Missouri line. In an old deed (loaned to author by Lloyd Pumphrey) some of Isaac's brothers were listed as one time owners of this farm, namely William, Lewis, Semer, Joel, Caleb, and Jacob.

The owner of this farm in 1955 was Lloyd Pumphrey, whose grandmother, Jane Mitchell, was a sister to Mary Eleanor McCord's mother. In recent years the White River nearby has been dammed, making a large lake near Lead Hill called Bull Shoals.

Isaac's Uncle, Jonathan Rhode, wife and married children were at Lead Hill, Ark. from 1839 to 1843. Several of Jonathan's grandchildren were born at Lead Hill. Jonathan's wife Mary Harriet died at Lead Hill and is buried on this farm (See story of Arkansas trek under Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Rhode.)

There were no children born to Isaac Rhode and wife.

8. JOEL RHODE, born 9 Mar. 1823, died 7 Jan. 1891. Married Ellen Reid. Farmers, Rainsville, Indiana. 1 child.

I. Henry Luther Rhode, married \_\_\_\_\_ Ogburn. Farmers, Rainsville, Ind. on father's farm. 1 child.

(1) Elmer Rhode, lived at Pine Village, Ind.

Henry Luther Rhode married 2nd \_\_\_\_\_; no children.

9. SEMER RHODE, born 28 April 1825; 5 March 1896, married Matilda Pearce. Farmers Warren County, Ind., near Pine Village. 3 children.

I. William Andrew Rhode; never married. Farmer, Warren Co., Ind.

II. Martha Rhode; never married. Farmed with brother Wm. A. Rhode.

III. Emma Rhode, married Perry Short, farmers Warren Co., Ind. 1 child.

(1) Celia Short, married \_\_\_\_\_ Eberly, 4 children, 3 sons, 1 daughter.

10. CALEB RHODE, born 20 Sept. 1827, died 15 Nov. 1915, married Melinda Pearce, farmers, Warren Co., Ind. 2 children.

I. Jasper Rhode, married Louise Milligan, farmers Warren Co., Ind. 2 ch.

(1) Claire Rhode, married Lena Fenton, 6 children.

1. Jasper Rhode, lived in Fayette, Ind.

2. Lena Rhode

3. Ardis Rhode

4. Son

5. Daughter

6. Daughter

(2) Clay Rhode, never married; farmer near Pine Village, Ind.

11. SARAH JANE RHODE, born 21 Dec. 1829, died 1917. Married John Wesley Gray, after the death of his first wife, who was Sarah's sister, Martha. Farmers, Warren Co., Ind. 1 child.

I. Charles Jake Rhode; never married. Construction work, Attica, Ind.





12. JACOB MORGAN RHODE, born 7 Sept. 1833, died 8 Feb. 1919, married 3 Jan. 1858 at Winthrop, Ind., Mary Jane Russell, who died 12 July 1919. She was the daughter of William and Fanny (Hall) Russell.

They lived on a farm near Winthrop in Warren Co., Ind., the farm that his father, William Rhode, had taken up from the Government in 1828. Jacob Rhode was one of the best known and most prosperous farmers in Warren Co. He outlived all his brothers and sisters. There were 3 children.

- I. Fannie Adelaide Rhode, born 20 Oct. 1858; married 20 Sept. 1885, to Albert Cobb. They were farmers in Warren Co., Ind. 3 children.

(1) Murray Cobb, married Pearl Parton, 2 children.

1. Dorothy Cobb married Wallace Knight; 1 child.

a. Jane Knight

2. Barbara Cobb, married \_\_\_\_\_ Coleman; 1 child.

a. David Coleman.

(2) Malcolm Cobb, married \_\_\_\_\_; 2 children.

1. Fann J. Cobb, married \_\_\_\_\_; no children.

2. Jane Cobb; never married.

(3) Albert Cobb, married Gladys Martin; 2 children.

1. Jessie Cobb, married \_\_\_\_\_; no children.

2. Russell Cobb, never married.

- II. Martha Frances Rhode, born 1861, died 21 Jan. 1906; married John McCord. He was the Recorder in Warren Co., Ind. No children.

- III. Charles Willard Rhode, born 10 Dec. 1871; died 24 Jan. 1928; married 30 Apr. 1900 Cora Jones, born 17 Sept. 1873. They were farmers near Attica, Warren Co., Ind. He was a member of Masonic Lodge. She and daughters assisted with this list of Wm. Rhode descendants. (See reference below.)\* There were 6 children.

(1) Lucy Ruth Rhode, born 12 Feb. 1901, married W. R. Fisher, who is in insurance business. They live in Vancouver, B. C. 2 children.

1. Jane Fikher, born 1928

2. Nancy Fisher, born 1935. Married 2 May 1958, David Platt. 1 child, Sandra Jane, born 8 March 1959.

(2) Fanny Lillis Rhode, born 29 Sept. 1903, never married. Teacher in Indiana.

(3) Jacob Henry Rhode, born 27 Oct. 1906, married Mildred Vaughn, no children.

(4) Sarah Louise Rhode, born 17 Sept. 1912, not married; farmer on mother's farm.

(5) Elsie Jane Rhode, born 20 Sept. 1914, married Carl Smith, a mechanic, in Alaska, 3 children.

1. Daniel Smith, born 1936

2. Carroll Smith, born 1941.

3. Phillip Smith, born 1944.

(6) Joel Clay Rhode, born 21 Oct. 1916, married Irene Siminson. Farmers on mother's home farm. 1 child.

1. Gale Rhode.

13. SON. Died in Infancy.

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\*References William<sup>2</sup> Rhode History.

1. South Carolina history by Annie Dash Moorner of Walterboro, S.C.

2. Notes on Rhode descendants by Mrs. A.S. Dolch of Attica, Ind. and Mrs. J. B. Lutz of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

3. Cora (Jones) Rhode of Attica, Ind. (who visited author in 1947) gave much assistance with Wm. Rhode descendants and checking copy. Her daughters Ruth (Rhode) Fisher and Lillis Rhode also gave assistance.

4. Lloyd Pumphrey of Lead Hill, Ark. gave data on Isaac Rhode.

5. Early history of Railsback family in 1955 by Martha (Railsback) Tinsley Custer, So. Dakota, who is member of Insignia Committee of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.





## 2. JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> RHODE (1788-1845)

### BIRTHPLACE, BROTHERS AND PARENTS

Jonathan Rhode was born in South Carolina, 22 Aug. 1788; died 23 Nov. 1845. He was the second of five brothers and two sisters, all of whom were born in South Carolina; they were William, Jonathan, Thomas, Caleb, Seymour, Ester and Mary. Jonathan's father was John<sup>1</sup> Rhode, who came to America some time during the American Revolution, 1776 to 1782. Jonathan's mother was Mary (Lewis) Rhode, who probably married John Rhode after he came to America.

### TREK TO OHIO

Jonathan Rhode left South Carolina probably in about 1810-11, ahead of his parents and younger brothers, who left about 1814. Whether he left with his older brother William, who left in about 1810, is not known. Jonathan was married in Ohio in 1812. His first three children were born in Ohio in 1813 to 1819. The U. S. Census records show he and his brother William were living in Wayne County, Indiana in 1820. Later they both took up land in Warren County, Ind., adjoining his father, John Rhode, who settled there in 1826.

### WIFE AND CHILDREN

Jonathan Rhode married Mary Harriet Anderson in Ohio in about the year 1812. According to family tradition, Mary Harriet Anderson was a first cousin of Major General William S. Rosencrans, who was one of the distinguished army generals of the North in the Civil War.\*

Six boys and two girls were born of this union. They were: Hester, 1813; Daniel 1814; Allice 1816; John 1817; Joseph 1819; Hannah 1821; Caleb 1822; and Seymour 1825. All were born in Ohio except the last three (Hannah, Caleb and Seymour) who were born in Indiana. All of these children grew up to raise families of their own except Hester, who only lived about eight months.

### JONATHAN RHODE TAKES UP LAND IN 1828\*\*

"Jonathan Rhode took up land in Warren County, Ind. on 3 Jan. 1828, the signature of John Quincy Adams being affixed to the parchment deed in the possession of a grandson, James N. Rhode.

"In 1828 and 1831 Jonathan Rhode took up more land, making a total of 360 acres of government land. It is a tradition of the family that Jonathan Rhode journeyed to Washington, D.C. from Crawfordsville, Ind. by horseback to secure the signature of President Andrew Jackson to the second of these deeds. All three deeds are on sheepskin, and were treasured heirlooms of James N. Rhode, a grandson who farmed this land."

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\*General Rosencrans was in command of West Virginia campaign, later he defended Corinth from Assault, driving Confederates back 60 miles. Defeated Gen. Bragg at battle of Murfreesboro. He was appointed minister to Mexico in 1868. president of a powder company in San Francisco 1878. Representative to U.S. Congress 1881-1885, serving as Chairman of Military Affairs. Died in Rosencrans, Calif., 1898; buried in Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C. Was known as the great decliner; was considered as running mate with Pres. Lincoln, second term; declined running for Governor of Ohio 1865; declined running for Governor of California in 1867; and declined running for Mayor of San Francisco. (From Notable Americans, Vol. 9).

\*\*Quoted from the Fountain-Warren Democrat, published at Attica, Indiana. Issue of 16 Jan. 1940.





### TREK TO THE OZARKS

Jonathan Rhode evidently got tired of grubbing out the white oak stumps and fighting the "ager" of the poorly drained land in Indiana. So in about 1839 he decided to trek to the Ozarks in Arkansas, where fishing and hunting would help supply the needs of his family. His whole family, including his wife Mary, his five sons and two daughters, were loaded into the wagons and they set off for the Ozarks. The two daughters were married by this time, also some of the sons. As near as can be learned the following made the trip to the Ozarks:

Jonathan and his wife Mary.

Five sons--Daniel, John, Joseph and wife, Caleb, and Seymour

Two daughters--Allice with her husband William Cobb

Hannah with her husband Robert McCord

How long they were on their way, their adventures with hostile Indians, the difficulties of fording swollen streams, or the trail they followed-- no record has been left behind. Probably they went down along the Wabash River, then crossed the Ohio River, where it joins the Wabash, and then down along the Ohio until it joins the Mississippi. After going down the Mississippi a short distance, they probably crossed over in the State of Arkansas.

They settled in what was then called Marion County, but which is now called Boone County, which is located on the northern tier of counties next to the Missouri line and on the western border of Arkansas. The nearest trading post was a place called Lead Hill, which is still a town by that name. Lead Hill is on Sugar Loaf Creek, and a few miles away is the White River.

For four or five years the Jonathan Rhode clan tried to farm in this region, but without the success they had anticipated. The men folks spent much time hunting and fishing. Many are the bedtime stories that have been told to the children of succeeding Rhode descendants, concerning the exploits and adventures of the Rhode bear hunters in the Ozarks. It is said that the Rhode bear hunters did not hesitate to go into the bears' caves where they were hibernating, and kill them with knives. It is also said they all got very tired of eating bear meat and longed for pork again.

### LEAVING THE OZARKS

While the Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Rhode clan had wonderful adventures and success in hunting and fishing in the Ozarks, they found that there was not the opportunity to get ahead in farming. So after about four or five years spent there, they loaded their goods in the wagons and started the return trip to Indiana in about 1843. All the sons and daughters made the trip back, except the oldest son Daniel, who remained for several years and then went to western Iowa, where he arrived in 1847. Son Joseph and his wife had two children born to them while in the Ozarks, and perhaps there were children born to some of the others.

It was a sad trip back, as they left behind Mary (Anderson) Rhode, Jonathan's wife and mother of the 5 sons and 2 daughters who had gone along to the Ozarks. When she was in her last sickness, and she knew she was going to die, she made them all promise they would leave the Ozarks and go back to make their homes in Indiana again. She passed away in 1843. Her grave is in the Cedar Grove cemetery near Lead Hill, Ark., on the old Rhode farm.

Jonathan's father, John Rhode, had passed away in 1840, just before or soon after they had left for the Ozarks. Jonathan's mother, Mary (Lewis) Rhode had died in 1843 while they were in the Ozarks, or soon after they returned.

In 1955 additional information was received about the Rhode farm in Arkansas from the owner, Lloyd Pumphrey, of Lead Hill, Ark., who is a relative of the wife of Isaac Rhode, a son of William<sup>2</sup> Rhode. The old Rhode farm, as





## Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Rhode (continued)

it is called, consists of 139 acres. According to old deeds it was once the property of the following sons of William<sup>2</sup> Rhode: Isaac, Joel, Caleb, Lewis, Seymour, Jacob, William and other persons. Isaac was evidently the only one of these who lived and farmed here during his life. What was the farming status of the Jonathan Rhode clan is not known. There is no record of them owning this farm. However according to Lloyd Pumphrey, the wife of Jonathan Rhode is buried in the Cedar Grove cemetery on this farm. The grave is unmarked except for two large rocks. Nearby is Bull Shoals, created in recent years by a Government dam on the White River which has become quite a resort area.

### BACK HOME TO INDIANA

On the return to the Jonathan Rhode farm in Warren County, Indiana, they all started farming and clearing up new land. The guns were laid aside and they got busy with the axes and plows. Jonathan Rhode died 22 Nov. 1845 not long after his return to Indiana.

Jonathan's youngest son, Seymour, took over the Jonathan Rhode farm. Two of his other sons, John and Joseph, were in a few years (1851) to load their families in ox drawn wagons, and trek across the plains to western Iowa, to pioneer again in a new country, and start the fourth Rhode settlement in America. In western Iowa they were to join their brother Daniel, who had moved to Iowa in 1847 from Arkansas.

### JONATHAN RHODE FARM STILL OWNED AND OPERATED BY HIS DESCENDANTS.\*

"After the death of Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Rhode in 1845, his youngest son Seymour<sup>3</sup> T. Rhode and his wife Lucy (Benge) Rhode owned and farmed this land. After the death of Seymour T. Rhode in 1874, his wife Lucy continued to operate this farm with the help of their five children, Jonathan, Curtis, Frank, James and Celia.

"One of these children, James<sup>4</sup> N. Rhode, after his marriage to Effie J. Sailor in 1899, rented the farm during his mother's lifetime, purchasing the other heirs out upon his mother's death in 1907.

"Two hundred and forty acres were added to the James N. Rhode holdings after he purchased the holdings of the Seymour T. Rhode heirs in 1907, making 600 acres in all farmed at present. The nucleus of this big farm has been in the Rhode family (in 1940) for 112 years, and the other two tracts for 109 and 101 years, respectively.

"Mr. James N. Rhode is a Master Farmer and is widely known over the state as a successful farm operator. He and his son Lee Rhode, operate a general livestock and farming business. His son Lee is a well known Warren County resident, and may be said to be responsible for the Warren County Rural Electrification Program, serving for some time as its manager. Mr. and Mrs. James Rhode are the parents of one daughter and two sons, Mrs. Leo Hunter of Judyville, Glen N. Rhode of Pine Village, and Lee Rhode, who resides near and with his father operates the home farm."

(Jonathan Rhode's son Seymour T., his grandson James N., and his great grandson Lee were all born on his original farm.

\*Quoted from the Fountain-Warren Democrat, published at Attica, Ind. issue of 16 Jan. 1940.





### 3. CALEB<sup>2</sup> RHODE AND DESCENDANTS

CALEB<sup>2</sup> RHODE, second son of John and Mary Rhode, born 1790 in South Carolina. Married Rachael Martingale, who was born 14 March 1799. Caleb no doubt went with his parents, John and Mary (Lewis) Rhode and his brothers Thomas and Seymour on their trek from South Carolina in about 1814 to Indiana. Caleb's older brothers William and Jonathan had already left South Carolina for Ohio and Indiana.

Little seems to be available on the life of Caleb Rhode and his descendants. It is said that Caleb Rhode lived in Kansas and that in his old age his son Harvey brought him to his relatives in Tabor, Iowa, to be taken care of in his last days, only living a short time with John<sup>3</sup> Rhode. Four children (Rhode)

I Seymour Rhode

II Polly Rhode married James Frazier

III Esther Rhode, born 12 Nov. 1826, died 25 May 1900. Married (1st) on 14 May 1844 John Pickard. 3 children (Pickard)  
(1) Harry, born 27 June 1846, died Apr. 1879. Married Emma Coones. 4 children: Elmer, Myrtle, Charles, Guy.  
(2) Caleb, born 7 Oct. 1849, died 5 Apr. 1886. Married 17 June 1869, May Coones. One child, Maud.  
(3) Jonathan, born 15 May 1853. Married 3 Oct. 1872, Mollie Rice.

Esther (Rhode) Pickard married (2nd) 6 Aug. 1854 Caleb Lewis, whose first wife was Mary Coffin. Four children (Lewis)

- (1) Laura Lewis, born 3 July 1855, married 1 Oct. 1874, Ira Woodward. They lived in Haviland, Kansas. There were 4 children: Maud, Madge, Zora, Ada. All married.
- (2) Alice Lewis, born 3 July 1858, married Wm. H. York. Lived in Silverwood, Ind. There were 4 children (York): Ray, Glenna, Katherine, Lewis.
- (3) Ada, born 29 May 1860; married 25 Apr. P. Saunders, Resided Ridge Farm, Ill.; one child, Earl.
- (4) Eva Lewis, born 4 Dec. 1862, married W. S. Hadley. There were four children.

IV. Harvey Rhode, married Swadner.

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#### References on Caleb Rhode:

1. It is said that Caleb Rhode was buried in the old Rhode family graveyard near Tabor, Iowa. In 1948 a search by Tabor relatives failed to locate his headstone.
2. Name of wife from Fanny (Rhode) Cobb of Attica, Ind.
3. Residence in Kansas, going to Tabor, Ia. in old age, and two sons she knew, Seymour and Harvey, from Sadie<sup>4</sup> (Rhode) Matthews-Wright.
4. Names of his four children, by Fern Williams, Tabor, Ia. in 1948.
5. Descendants of Ester Rhode from notes of Mrs. Dolch of Attica, Ind.





#### 4. ESTER<sup>2</sup> RHODE AND DESCENDANTS

ESTER<sup>2</sup> RHODE born on the John Rhode Plantation near St. George, South Carolina, on 17 march 1794, married Summers. Lived in South Carolina. Four children (Summers).

- I George
- II Mildred, married Jan. 30, 1861, Hiram Appleby.
- III Frances, married Peter Horne, one child.
  - (1) Etta Horne, married George F. Lewis
- IV Carrie, married Horne. No children.

References: Date of birth of Ester Rhode from the Thomas<sup>2</sup> Rhode Bible, reported by his grandson Bert Matthews of Salem, Iowa, in 1948. Descendants from Annie Dash Moorner of Walterboro, S. C. who is a Murray descendant. In the early history of Warren County, Ind., Lewis<sup>3</sup> Rhode lists Ester as a daughter of John<sup>1</sup> Rhode.

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#### 5. MARY<sup>2</sup> RHODE AND DESCENDANTS

MARY<sup>2</sup> RHODE, born on the John<sup>1</sup> Rhode plantation near St. George, S. C. on 3 Feb. 1796, died at St. George, S. C. 21 Dec. 1836, married 29 Aug. 1813 to William<sup>4</sup> Murray Jr., who was born 15 Sept. 1782 on his father's 3000 acre plantation at Murray's Crossroads near St. George, S. C. He died 19 March 1836. Both are buried in the Hughes family cemetery on west side of Indian Fields swamp on the Hughes plantation, near St. George, which they operated.

William<sup>4</sup> Murray Jr. married first, 2 Nov. 1802, Mary Hughes, the daughter of David Hughes and Suzannah (Eberly) Hughes. The couple moved to the Hughes plantation. There were four children: David, Elizabeth, William<sup>5</sup> and Suzannah. (Annie Dash Moorner of Walterboro, who in 1948 furnished the data on Ester and Mary Rhode, is a descendant of William<sup>5</sup> Murray. Mary (Hughes) Murray died 12 Sept. 1812.

Mary<sup>2</sup> Rhode married William<sup>4</sup> Murray Jr. after the death of his first wife. Their home during their lives was on the old Hughes plantation consisting of some 3000 acres, which was located near the old John<sup>1</sup> Rhode plantation. This marriage is listed in "South Carolina Marriage Records" by Clement on page 205 as follows:

"William Murray Jr. on 29 Aug. 1813 married Mary Rhodd"

(Note misspelling of Rhode).

William Murray Jr. died in 1836 at the age of 56. Mary (Rhode) Murray died six months later at the age of 40. (William<sup>4</sup> Murray's sister Sarah married William<sup>2</sup> Rhode, who was the brother of his second wife Mary.) There were three sons born to William and Mary (Rhode) Murray:

- I. John Simmons Murray, born 6 Jan. 1819, died 7 Nov. 1882. Served in Confederate Army; ordained minister, Methodist church. Married 24 Dec. 1839, Mary Caroline Moorner. 6 children:



Mary<sup>2</sup> Rhode and Descendants (cont.)

- (1) Joahna S. married Alice Utsey
- (2) Augustas married Susan Weathers
- (3) William born 1850, died 20 Sept. 1884, married Mary Collier.
- (4) Mary E., born May 28, 1852, married Wm. T. Bowman, died 1872.
- (5) Theresa, Anne, born Sept. 11, 1856, married Thoman Collier, died 1879.
- (6) Jefferson married Henrieta Utsey

II. Joseph Murray, a physician; born 25 May 1824, died 1898, married Mary Anne Murray. He was a surgeon in the Confederate Army in the Civil War. 6 children:

- (1) William, married Sally Judy
- (2) Melissa, married Wm. Westbury; 4 ch.--Olin, Evelyn, Mary ?
- (3) Victoria, married L. Westbury.
- (4) Hampton
- (5) Dora, married Owens
- (6) Emily, married Dr. Josiah Minus, 3 ch.--Nancy, Paul, Dorothy

III. Thomas Jefferson Murray, born 5 Apr. 1832, died 6 Sept. 1862, married Eliza D. F. Moorner, a cousin. In 1860 he was elected to S.C. Legislature from the Colleton District near St. George. Entered service of the Confederacy in Civil War, forming with others Company C of the 24th Regiment in which he was 1st Lt. Contracted typhoid fever from which he died. 3 children (Murray)

- (1) Joseph Daniel (1853-76) never married
- (2) Wm. Jacob (1855-1929) Married Mary Conner. Wm. graduated in medicine, Vanderbilt Univ., Nashville, Tenn. He returned to St. George and operated a drug and general store with Dr. P. L. Moorner. in 1920 organized the Murray Drug Company, Columbus, S.C., of which he was President. This company united with McKesson & Robbins in the 1920's, a large national firm. 4 children (Murray)
  1. Jamie (1885-1909) married H. H. Harris. Children: Henry, Jean
  2. Wm. Jacob Jr., born 1888, married Minnie Blaylock. He graduated S.C. Military College. He served in various positions in the McKesson-Robbins Drug Co., finally as President and in 1944 Chairman of the Board. Lived in N. Y. City.
  3. Thomas Lewis, born 1892, married Katherine Patterson, 1 child, Thomas; married (2nd) Margaret Glenn, 2 children--Margaret, William.
  4. Mary Eliza (1897-1918) married Arthur Tomkins; 3 children, Mary, Arthur, ??
- (3) Thomas Jefferson II (1856-1914) married Jessie Fields. He graduated in law at University of Virginia; 3 children, (Murray) Olive, Thadis, Nell.

(Murray family history from Annie Dash Moorner of South Carolina)







## 6. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> RHODE AND DESCENDANTS

THOMAS<sup>2</sup> RHODE, son of John and Mary Rhode, was born in South Carolina 26 April 1797, died at Salem, Iowa, 8 Nov. 1867; married 25 Dec. ? Mary Ballard, who was born in Virginia, 9 Jan. 1798 and died at Salem, Iowa, 12 Jan. 1872. Both are buried near Salem, Ia.

Thomas Rhode accompanied his parents, John and Mary (Lewis) Rhode and his four brothers when they left South Carolina in about 1814 for the west, finally settling in Warren County, western Indiana in 1826. Here his father John Rhode and his sons William and Jonathan took up Government land, which they farmed the rest of their lives. Whether the other three sons, Thomas, Caleb and Seymour, took up land is not known, but later all three moved west. The U. S. Census shows that Thomas Rhode was living in Warren Co. in 1830.

In 1848 Thomas Rhode and his family moved from Warren County, Ind. to Salem, in Henry County, S.E. Iowa, where they took up land and engaged in farming the rest of their lives. This was the third permanent settlement made by the Rhode family in America. Many of the descendants of Thomas Rhode still live in this area. Thomas Rhode was one of the organizers of the Quaker Church of Salem, Iowa. There were twelve children:

- I. Sarah Rhode (1818-1846) married 1840 Amos Barnett.
- II. Ester Rhode (1820-1861) married 1844 Thomas Pickard, occupation farmer, near Salem, Iowa. Three children (Pickard)
  - (1) Thomas<sup>4</sup> Elwood Pickard
  - (2) Catherine Pickard married Henry McDowell
  - (3) Sarah Pickard married David McDowell
- III. John Rhode (1823-1900) married 1844 Catherine Pickard; died 1888. John Rhode's occupation was farmer and stock buyer at Salem and Earlham, Iowa. 2 children (Rhode)
  - (1) J. W. Rhode, lawyer, Earlham and Des Moines, Iowa, married Lydia\_\_\_\_  
3 daughters:
    1. Hallie Rhode
    2. Myrtle Rhode
    3. ?
  - (2) Henry Rhode, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, married; one child.
    1. Fred Rhode.
- IV. Elizabeth Rhode (1824-1849) married 1844 Campbell Mote. Elizabeth is buried in Quaker cemetery near Attica, Indiana.
- V. Mary Rhode (1825-1851) married 1845 Perry Mote.
- VI. Joseph B. Rhode.
- VII. Susanna Rhode (1830-1861)
- VIII. Almada Rhode (1830-1912) married 1858 Richard Wroe, who was a farmer and shoemaker at Earlham, Iowa; no children.
- IX. Caleb Rhode (1834-1863) married 1856 Virginia Hayes. Caleb Rhode lived at Salem, Iowa; was killed in the Civil War. Two children:
  - (1) J. W. Rhode (1857-1923)
  - (2) Daughter - married Barnett



X. Rhoda Rhode (1837-1926) married J. J. Wilmoth, who was a farmer at Salem, and Hillsboro, Iowa. 8 children (Wilmoth):

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| (1) Charles Wilmoth         | (5) George Wilmoth  |
| (2) William Wilment         | (6) Fannie Wilmoth  |
| (3) Julia Wilment - m. Keck | (7) Richard Wilmoth |
| (4) Adalaid Wilmoth         | (8) Grace Wilmoth   |

XI. Julia Rhode (1839-1860)

XII. Rebecca Rhode (1841-1922) married Isaac Matthews (1839-1902) who was a farmer near Salem, Iowa. 6 children (Matthews)

(1) Ella Matthews (1861-1933) married 1884 Benton Grew deceased; 2 ch.

1. Milo Grew, born 1884, married 1914, Winnie Phillips, hardware

1. salesman, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota. 2 children:

a. Phillip Grew, born 1916

b. Dudley Grew, born 1919

2. Paul Grew, born 1887, married 1913 Ione Simmons; newspaper editor; 1 child:

a. Donald Grew, born 1916.

(2) Belle Matthews, born 1863, married Frank Bennett (1891-1920). He was a mining salesman, Colorado Springs; one child.

a. Bertha Bennett, deceased.

(3) John Matthews (1867-1871; died at age of four.

(4) Kate Matthews, born 1869. Attended Tabor College; occupation teacher, Salem, Iowa. Never married.

(5) Jackson Matthews (1875-1941) stock buyer, Salem, Iowa.

(6) Edger Herbert Matthews (Bert) born 1878, married Anna J. Bell, born 1877. Occupation farmer, Salem, Iowa. 6 children.

1. Wilbur A. Matthews, born 1903, farmer and painter, married 1929.

Marjory Widdlefield, divorced 1936, 2 children:

a. Paul Richard Matthews, born 1931, died in infancy.

b. Wilbur Dale Matthews, born 1933.

2. Lucile Matthews (1905-1927)

3. Anna Bell Matthews, born 1907, married 1937 Edwin Hite, oil station operator and mechanic, Washington, Iowa, 2 children:

a. Janice Hite, born 1946

b. son

4. Maurine Matthews, born 1910, married 1936 Gilbert Mills, mechanic and garage owner, Washington, Iowa, 2 children:

a. Beverly Mills, born 1937

b. Darlene Mills, born 1944

5. Doris Matthews, born 1913, married 1940 O. E. Nordyke, mechanic, Washington, Iowa. 1 child.

a. Connie Nordyke, born 1945.

6. Harold Matthews (1917-1939) was farmer.





## 2 7. SEYMOUR RHODE AND DESCENDANTS

SEYMOUR<sup>2</sup> RHODE, the last child of John and Mary Rhode, was born 18 Dec. 1802 in South Carolina, died 19 Nov. 1861 near Hamburg, Iowa, buried Hamburg cemetery; married in Ohio, Rebecca Hurley, who was born 1805 in Ohio, died 12 Nov. 1838 in Warren County, Indiana, at age of 33, buried in Quaker Cemetery near Attica, Ind.

In 1855 Seymour Rhode went to Fremont County, Iowa, where he lived with or near his son Jonathan and wife on their farm near Hamburg, Iowa. Seven children were born to Seymour Rhode and wife Rebecca:

- I. William<sup>3</sup> Rhode, born 14 Feb. 1827, died in infancy.
- II. Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Rhode, born 30 May 1830, Warren Co., Ind., died 1895; married in Warren Co. 23 Nov. 1855 Dorothy Gray, who was daughter of Wm.<sup>5</sup> and Saray (Cobb) Gray and granddaughter of John<sup>2</sup> Gray. In 1856 they were living on a farm near Hamburg, Iowa. (See excerpt of letter from Dorothy in life of Joseph<sup>5</sup> Rhode, Chap. 4). In 1883 they were living in Benton County, Ind. and later on farm near Pine Village, Warren County, Ind.; 7 children.
  - (1) Arvilla Rhode, married S. H. Edwards
  - (2) Sadie Rhode, married John C. Mesner, lived in Benton Co., Ind.
  - (3) Lillis Rhode, born 1838, died in infancy; buried Quaker cemetery.
  - (4) Mary Jane Rhode married Lee Rittenour.
  - (5) Katie Rhode married Huff, lived in LaFayette, Ind.
  - (6) Charles Rhode lived Pine Village, Ind.
  - (7) Child, died in 1883.
- III. Thomas<sup>3</sup> Rhode, born 1834, died 20 Dec. 1864, age 30 years; buried Hamburg Iowa cemetery; married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. He was killed while following a horse thief. (Authority, History of Fremont Co. Ia. published 1884, page 484). 3 children, buried Hamburg, Iowa.
  - (1) Infant daughter, died 15 July 1862.
  - (2) Infant son, died 7 April 1863.
  - (3) Nathan Rhode, died in infancy, 25 July 1864.
- IV. Hester<sup>3</sup> (Bessie) Rhode, married Seymour Gray, a brother of Dorothy (Gray) Rhode, the wife of Hester's brother Jonathan. 6 children.

(1) Will Gray	(4) Thomas Gray
(2) Duncan Gray	(5) Elwood Gray
(3) Vesta Gray	(6) Becky Gray
- V. Caleb<sup>3</sup> Rhode, born 1836, died 1 Sept. 1882; age 36; buried Tabor, Ia. Married Jemima Wolf, born 1839, died 28 Jan. 1874; age 34; buried Hamburg, Ia. After the death of Caleb Rhode the 3 living children were raised in the Joseph<sup>5</sup> Rhode home. Caleb Rhode married (2nd) Mrs. Schwartz and there was one child, Gertrude, who married O. C. Matux, and they had 3 children: Five children first marriage:
  - (1) Infant daughter, died 21 Oct. 1860; buried Hamburg, Ia.
  - (2) Mary, died 1863 age 2 mos; buried Hamburg, Ia.
  - (3) Aletha<sup>4</sup> Rhode, born 1865, married Jack Booten, a farmer; 1 child died at birth, 1887. *Aletha died 23 Jan 1960, age 45*
  - (4) Semer J. Rhode (little Seym), married Birdie Astrope. For many years he was a prominent banker, Fort Lupton, Colorado. 1 child, Helen, 1903-1918.





Seymour<sup>2</sup> Rhode (continued)

- (5) Thomas<sup>4</sup> Rhode, born 1869, died 1948, at Randolph, Iowa; married Etta Redd. For about 30 years he worked for Seym T. Rhode in hardware, grain business, Randolph, Ia, later moved to Fort Lupton with brother Seymour, finally retired to Randolph. 3 children:
1. Alvin Rhode; died from drowning, 13 June 1905, age 12 years.
  2. Hazel Rhode; married Harold McCand; lives on farm near Randolph, Iowa; 2 children, 1 child died at birth 1929.
  3. Gladys Rhode, married Howard Ford, who operated a service station at Randolph, Iowa, in 1948. 2 children:
    - a. Barbara Ann, m. Dwain Jassa; no children
    - b. Marilyn Jane, m. Mumford, 1 child, Michael.

VI. Mary Lillis Rhode, died 1839 in infancy, buried Quaker Cemetery, Indiana.



### CHAPTER III

#### CHILDREN OF JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> RHODE

##### Chart of Descendants

1. Hester<sup>3</sup> Rhode
2. Daniel<sup>3</sup> Rhode and Descendants
3. Allice<sup>3</sup> Rhode and Descendants
4. John<sup>3</sup> Rhode and Descendants
5. Joseph<sup>3</sup> Rhode (See Chap. 4)
6. Hannah<sup>3</sup> Rhode and Descendants
7. Caleb<sup>3</sup> Rhode and Descendants
8. Seymour<sup>3</sup> T. Rhode and Descendants





DESCENDANTS OF JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> RHODE  
(3rd and 4th Generations)

Chart #2

2nd Generation	3rd Generation	4th Generation
	Hester <sup>3</sup> Rhode 1813 - 1814	Jonathan <sup>4</sup> Rhode, 1839-1854; killed by lightning Harriet Rhode, m-Wm. Morris, 1 ch.
	Daniel A. Rhode 1814-1885 m.-Mary McCord; 7 ch. m.-Eliz. Patent; no ch.	Joseph Rhode, killed by Indians, 1879 Demarius Rhode, m-J. Cobb, 3 ch; m-Lambert David Rhode, 1848-1935, m.-Abbie Tray, 3 ch. Harvey Rhode Eleanor Rhode, 1852-54; died in infancy -
	Allice Rhode 1816 - 1888 m.-Wm. Cobb 1805 - 1895	Jonath. Cobb, 1833-75, m-Damarius Rhode, 3 ch. Harriet Cobb, 1834-43, burned to death Semer O. Cobb, 1837-39 Ester V. Cobb, 1839-74, m.-Joseph Swan, 1 ch. John Cobb, 1841-1901, m.-Amanda Jones, no ch. William Cobb, 1845-49 Albert Cobb, 1850-91, m-Fannie Rhode, 3 ch. Sarah E. Cobb, 1854-1911, m-David Williams, 5 ch. Jos. T. Cobb, 1856-1928, m-M. Fenton, 1 ch.
	John Rhode 1817 - 1897 m.-Mary Cobb - - - 1846 - - - m.-Mary Scott	Hannah Rhode, m-John Tarpenning, 6 ch. Daniel T. Rhode, m-Sarah Taliaferre, 9 ch. Eliz. Rhode, m-Joseph Eccleston, 3 ch.
Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Rhode 1788 - 1845  m-Mary H. Anderson 1785 - 1843	Joseph Rhode 1819 - 1886  m- Elizabeth Gray 1821 - 1863  m-Mrs. Mary West - - - 1872 - - - m-Mrs. Alice Snow 1847 - 1915	Joseph Rhode, died 15 yrs. of age. William Rhode, 1850-1922, never married Charlotte Rhode, m-Wm. Timson, 5 ch. Jonath. Rhode, 1855-1930, m-Lenora Richards, 3 ch. J. Duncan Rhode, 1857-1896, m-Maggie Dumsden, no ch. Harriet Rhode, 1860-1932, m-W.E. Asman, 13 ch. Eliza J. Rhode, 1862-1905, m-Oliver Timson, 6 ch. Walter U. Rhode, 1864-1930, never married
	Hannah Rhode 1821 - 1862  m- Robt. McCord	Mary Rhode Harriet Rhode Dora Rhode John Wesley Rhode Martha Rhode Seymour Rhode Esther Rhode (See Chapter V) Sarah Rhode Charles Rhode Elizabeth Rhode Edith Rhode Lucy Rhode Guy Rhode Ray Rhode
	Caleb Rhode 1822 - 1882 m- Eliz. McCord	Harriet McCord, 1847- m-Robt. Hurst, 1 ch. Eliz. McCord, 1848-1934 m-Isaac Jones, 4 ch. James McCord, 1849- m-Sarah Pearson, 6 ch. Eleanor McCord, 1850- m-A. Gephart, 10 ch. Emily J. McCord, 1852- m-A.J. Eberle, 4 ch. Joseph H. McCord, 1855- m-Mary Hall, 7 ch. Jonathan McCord, 1858- m-Anna Caif, 3 ch. Zadie McCord, 1860 - died in infancy
	Seymour T. Rhode 1825 - 1874  m-Lucy Bengé 1830 - 1907	Sam Rhode Wade Rhode Arvella Rhode Jonathan Rhode Ellen Rhode Webster Rhode James Rhode Alice Rhode Emma Rhode Jonathan T. Rhode, died in infancy Jonathan D. Rhode, 1852-95, m-E. Milligan, no ch. W. Curtis Rhode, 1854-1931, m-J. Milligan, 4 ch. James N. Rhode, 1863-1950, m-Effie Sailor, 3 ch. Jos. F. Rhode, 1864-1875, died 11 yrs. of age Celia Rhode, 1868-1942, m-Ira Sailor, 2 ch.





DESCENDANTS OF JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> RHODE AND MARY HARRIET (ANDERSON) RHODE

1. HESTER<sup>3</sup> RHODE, the first child, was born in Ohio in 1813 but lived less than a year.

2. DANIEL<sup>3</sup> RHODE & DESCENDANTS

Daniel Anderson Rhode was born 6 May 1814 in Ohio, died at Tabor, Iowa, 3 May 1885. Married (1st) 15 April 1837, Mary McCord (1817-1857) in Indiana, 7 children. Married (2nd) at Tabor, Iowa, Elizabeth Patent (1814-74) no children. The Rhode cemetery, one and one-half miles west of Tabor, Ia. was used by members of the Rhode families in the early days when the family first came to this part of the country. Later most of the bodies were removed to the Tabor cemetery. Daniel Rhode, his two wives and two of his children, Jonathan and Eleanor, are buried in this old Rhode cemetery. The plot is marked by a large monument. (It is said he married a third time to Polly\_\_\_\_\_.)

Daniel Rhode was the oldest son of Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Rhode and Mary (Anderson) Rhode. In 1839 Daniel and his wife Mary (McCord) Rhode, along with his parents, brothers and sisters and families, all trekked to the Ozarks in northern Arkansas, where they tried farming. The men folks spent most of their time bear hunting and fishing. At the end of four years they all returned to Indiana except Daniel and his family. His mother Harriet (Anderson) Rhode passed away in Arkansas in 1843 and is buried near Lead Hill, where they settled. It is said that on her death bed she asked the family to promise to leave Arkansas and go back to Indiana.

In 1847 Daniel Rhode and his family trekked from Arkansas to southwest Iowa, and settled in what was later Fremont County. He started out with 100 head of steers, for which he paid \$8 a head, and on the way, sold them to the Mormons, who were on their way to Salt Lake City, Utah, for \$100 a yoke.

In the summer of 1851 Daniel Rhode was rejoined in Iowa by his brothers John and Joseph, who trekked by ox teams from Indiana, with their families. The three brothers took up adjoining land from the government, located near Tabor, Iowa. At first they lived in log cabins, but later each built a commodious home. Daniel Rhode, along with his brothers, became a prosperous farmer. He was well and favorably known all over Fremont County. He was one of the very first settlers in this part of the country. He was known as "Big Dan" and was a man of great strength and size. He had a very friendly personality and took part in all community enterprises. Seven children by his first wife, Mary McCord) Rhode.

- I. Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Rhode, born in 1839, died 18 July 1854, by lightning, buried in Rhode family cemetery near Tabor, Iowa. (Hiram Campbell buried by his side.) Jonathan and Hiram Campbell, a neighbor's son, were killed by lightning as they were returning from Sidney, the County Seat, where they had gone for whiskey for the harvesthands, who were cutting grain by hand. The boys had made the trip safely on this very hot day, and were in sight of the Rhode home, when a flash of lightning from a very small cloud struck between the two horses which the boys were riding. The horses and both the boys were killed in sight of the harvesters, who were waiting for the boys to return.

Sentiment at this time ran high in Tabor, as most of the early day settlers of the town of Tabor were radical prohibitionists. It was freely stated by them that the deaths of the boys was the hand of the Lord speaking against the sin of drinking intoxicating liquors. For many years this story was used by some Taborites to promote their idea of religion.





Descendants of Daniel Rhode (cont.)

- II. Harriet Rhode, married in Iowa to William Morris. It is said they went back and forth to the Ozarks in Arkansas, and finally died there. Two children (Morris)
- (1) Infant daughter buried in Hamburg, Iowa, cemetery.
  - (2) Ella Morris (1863-1938) buried in Sheridan, Wyo. Never married.
- III. Joseph Rhode, killed by Indians, May 1879 on the Powder River in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Married, had two sons who lived in Rapid City, South Dakota.
- IV. Demarius Rhode (1894-1926) married 1832 in Iowa to Jonathan Cobb (1832-1875). He was her first cousin and was the oldest son of Alice (Rhode) Cobb. They moved to Pike's Peak, Colorado, and then to Alder Gulch, Montana, in the spring of 1863. Several years later moved to Indiana, where Jonathan Cobb died in 1875. There were three children. (Cobb).
- Demarius then went back to Tabor, Iowa, where she married (2nd) James Lambert, and where they lived on a farm. Later they moved to a ranch near Dayton, Wyo., where he died in 1905. In her later years Demarius lived in Sheridan, Wyo., where she died in 1925 and where she is buried.
- Three children of Demarius and Jonathan Cobb (Cobb)
- (1) Alice Cobb, born Feb. 1863, married Wilbur Williams, who lost one leg by infection when a boy. He worked in the Henry Stevens New York Store in Sheridan, Wyo. Both buried in Sheridan, Wyo. No children.
  - (2) Eva Cobb, born in Alder Gulch, Montana, married F. E. Williams, who in 1948 and many years previous was a merchant at Spirit Lake, Montana. No children.
  - (3) Thomas Cobb (1872-1920) born in Indiana; married in 1914 to Jessie Otis, born in 1885. He went to Gardiner, Montana, the entrance to Yellowstone Park, in 1894. In 1898 he went with Dave Rhode to Alaska. He went back to Alaska in 1899 where he prospected at Valdez until 1909. He then ranched at Sheridan, Wyo. until killed by lightning in 1926. There were 3 children. (Otis)
- Jessie (Otis) Cobb married, 2nd, Lew Adams.. 1 child, Duane. In 1955 Jessie was living at Dayton, Wyo. where she was postmistress.
- Children of Thomas Cobb and wife Jessie Otis (Cobb)
1. Claire Cobb, born in 1916; in 1948 lived in Dayton, Wyo.
  2. Jonathan Cobb, born in 1917. In World War II he served in Army Air Corps. Married Evelyn Carr. In 1948 lived in Chula Vista, Calif., where he was an airplane mechanic.
  3. Otis Cobb, born in 1920. Served in Army Air Corps in World War II. In 1948 was airplane mechanic at San Diego. Married Maxine Flemen.
- V. David Rhode (1848-1935) married Abbey Tray, who was killed in a cloudburst along with their 3 children in South Dakota, when the family was trekking to the West with a wagon train. In 1882 Dave went to Yellowstone National Park, where he served for 50 years. At one time he operated a livery stable at Livingston, Mont. For many years he was a driver for the famous horse drawn tourist stages in the Park. For two years 1900-1902 he was head packer for General Abercrombie, surveying the Copper River railroad in Alaska.





Returning to Yellowstone Park he became famous as a big game hunter and guide for sportsmen, with his pack burros and horses. He was known as "Uncle Dave" and was a colorful and most interesting character with a great fund of experiences in big game hunting and fishing. During his lifetime he had killed hundreds of elk, as well as most of the other game animals. He was an authority on the out of doors and habits of wild life. For years he was rated as top guide in Montana.

During his last 17 years a cousin Sade (Rhode) Matthews kept house for him and assisted in managing his auto camp at Gardiner, Mont., the Park entrance, where many relatives visited him (including the author in 1930). He died in 1935 at the age of 87. He is buried at Gardiner, Montana.

VI. Harvey Rhode, married Libbe Lecta in 1875. 1 child (Rhode)

- (1) Pearl Rhode, born 1876, married
  - 1st - Fred Gaylord - no children
  - 2nd - Orville West - no children
- Mrs. Pearl West living at Tabor, Iowa.

VII. Eleanor Rhode, born 1852, died 24 June 1854, age 2 years;  
buried in Rhode family cemetery west of Tabor, Iowa.

3. ALLICE<sup>3</sup> (ELSIE) RHODE, the third child of Jonathan and Harriet Rhode, was born in Ohio 24 Jan. 1816, died 14 Sept. 1888, married 29 March 1832 at Pine Village, Ind. Married William Cobb, who was born 24 Jan. 1805 died 7 April 1895. Both buried Quaker Cemetery near Pine Village, Ind. They were farmers. Allice was a Quaker and children raised Quakers.

William Cobb was the son of Seymour and Ester (Lewis) Cobb; Ester was the sister of Mary Lewis, the wife of John<sup>1</sup> Rhode. Nine children (Cobb).

- I. Jonathan<sup>4</sup> (1833-1875) buried Rhode Quaker Cemetery, Attica, Ind. Married Demarius Rhode (1844-1926) who was a daughter of Daniel<sup>3</sup> Rhode of Tabor, Iowa. There were three children (Cobb). Demarius married (2nd) James Lambert. She died in Sheridan, Wyo., where they lived. No children 2nd marriage.
  - (1) Alice<sup>5</sup> married Wilbur Williams. Both buried Sheridan, Wyo.
  - (2) Eva married F. E. Williams, a merchant at Spirit Lake, Idaho; no children.
  - (3) Thomas (1872-1920) a rancher at Sheridan Wyo., where he was killed by lightning; married Jessie Otis. Three children (Cobb).
    - Jessie married (2nd) Lew Adams. Lives in Dayton, Wyo. where she has been Postmistress. 1 child second marriage.
    - 1. Claire<sup>6</sup>, born 1916, lives in Dayton, Wyo.
    - 2. Jonathan, born 1917, married. Army Air Corps World War II. Airplane mechanic, Chula Vista, Calif.
    - 3. Otis, born 1920. Army Air Corps World War II. Airplane mechanic at San Diego, Calif. Married Maxine Flemen.

II. Harriet (1834 - 1843) burned to death, clothing catching fire from fireplace.

III. Seymer O. (1837-1839) Died in infancy.

IV. Ester V. (1839-1874); buried in Rhode cemetery near Attica, Ind. Married Joseph Swan; one child (Swan)

- (1) Elizabeth, born 1874, married Joseph Boyer, lived in Indiana. There were a number of children: Joseph, Maude and others.





Descendants of Allice Rhode (Cont.)

- V. John (1841-1901) farmer, married Amanda Jones; no children.
- VI. William P. (1845-1849); died in infancy.
- VII. Albert (1850-1891) was a merchant, Warren County, Ind. Married 1885 Fanny Rhode, an authority of Rhode history. Three children (Cobb)
- (1) Murray, died 1939, married Parl Parton. 2 children (Cobb)
    1. Dorothy married Wallace Knight. 1 Child.
      - a. Jane Knight
    2. Barbara, married Coolman, one child (Coolman)
      - a. David
  - (2) Malcolm, married, lives in Urbana, Ill, farmer and canning factory; 2 children (Cobb)
    1. Fann, married, no children.
    2. Jane, never married.
  - (3) Albert, born 1891. In lumber business Evanston, Ill. Married Gladys Martin. 2 children (Cobb)
    1. Jesse, married, no children.
    2. Russell; never married.
- VIII. Sarah Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> born Pine Village, Ind. 23 May 1834, died 10 July 1911 Married at Pine Village, Ind. David Marion Williams, 2 Mar. 1879, who was born 1850, died 21 Jan. 1921. He was a druggist, Tabor, Ia. Both buried Tabor cemetery. Five children (Williams)
- (1) Fern<sup>2</sup> born 29 July 1880. Retired librarian Tabor, Ia. highschool. Researcher Rhode history. Never married. *died 6 Apr 1960*
  - (2) Joyce, born 26 Jan. 1886, died 7 Feb. 1957. Teacher. Buried Tabor. Never married.
  - (3) Ralph, born 15 Dec. 1887, married 3 Aug. 1925 Ann Schwirtz. He is a pharmacist, Tabor, Ia.; one child (Williams)
    1. Elise<sup>6</sup> born 5 Feb. 1929. A librarian, Pasadena, Calif. Married Channing Orbach, a psychiatrist, Pasadena, Calif. Two children (Orbach)
      - a. Daniel Joseph, born 1 Nov. 1949.
      - b. Elizabeth Ann, born 10 Dec. 1955.
  - (4) Harle born 13 Nov. 1889, married at Glenwood, Ia., 7 Nov. 1921. Zula Deacon who died 8 Dec. 1945. He is a watch repairer, Tabor, Ia. One child (Williams)
    1. Keith, married 1952 Carolyn Murray. Live at Pacific Palisades, Calif. He is Director Keith Williams bands. One child (Williams)
      - a. Christopher Kirk, born 27 Jan. 1953.
  - (5) Dayre born 25 Jan. 1895, married Juanita Parkison, who died 26 Nov. 1956. He is assistant cashier First State Bank, Tabor, Iowa. Two children (Williams). Dayre died 16 Oct. 1959
    1. Donald Malcolm, born 2 June 1924; died 3 June 1924.
    2. Dayre Marion, born 1 June 1925, married 28 June 1944, Marilyn Munsinger. He is a Mortician, Clarinda, Ia. Two children (Williams)
      - a. Candace Dee, born 8 Oct. 1950, Council Bluffs, Ia.
      - b. Dayre Mitchell, born 16 Sept. 1952, Council Bluffs, Ia.
- IX. Joseph Thomas (1856-1928); married 1879 Magnolia Fenton. He was a farmer. Two children (Cobb)
- (1) Charles, a garage operator, married Margaret<sup>3</sup>; no ch.
  - (2) Kesie married Seymour<sup>5</sup> Rhode (Curtis<sup>4</sup> Seymour<sup>3</sup> Jonathan<sup>2</sup>) He is a bookkeeper, Pine Village, Ind. 2 children (Rhode)
    1. Joseph C., farmer, Warren Co., Ind.; never married.





4. JOHN<sup>3</sup> RHODE was born in 1817 in Ohio, died 1897 near Tabor, Ia., buried in Tabor cemetery. Married(1st) on 5 April 1838 in Indiana, Mary Cobb, who died 29 August 1846 in Warren County, Ind. They were farmers. There were 3 children.

John Rhode married (2nd) in Indiana, Martha Scott (1823-1900) who is buried in Tabor, Ia. They were farmers. There were 8 children.

John Rhode's parents were Jonathan Rhode, born in So. Carolina, and Mary (Harriet) (Anderson) Rhode, who were farmers in Warren Co., Ind. There were 5 boys and 3 girls in Jonathan's family. John Rhode's grandparents were John and Mary (Lewis) Rhode, who left their plantation in So. Carolina in about 1814, settling in Warren Co., Ind. where they took up land from the Government.

John Rhode, with his first wife Mary and small child Daniel, trekked from Warren Co., Ind., to Lead Hill, Ark. in about 1839, along with his parents, brothers and sisters, with their families. (Story under Jonathan Rhode). In Arkansas they engaged in farming, with hunting and fishing on the side. All the families returned to Warren County, Ind. in about 1843 except John's brother Daniel. John's second child, Elizabeth, had been born in Arkansas in 1843.

In the summer of 1851 John Rhode and his second wife and 5 children: Daniel, Elizabeth, Hannah, Joseph and William, along with John's brother Joseph and his family, trekked by oxen teams from Indiana to Fremont County, western Iowa, where they were met by their brother Daniel, who had moved from the Ozarks in Arkansas to Iowa in 1847. The three brothers took up adjoining 160 acre farms from the Government at \$1.25 an acre, located near what was later to be the town of Tabor in Fremont County. They were among the first settlers in this county. They all lived in log cabins at first. The three brothers, John, Joseph and Daniel, raised large families and became prosperous and prominent citizens of Fremont County.

John Rhode was truly one of the pioneers of the West, arriving by ox team in 1851 over the dusty trails. He took a prominent part in the transformation of a raw and sparsely settled country, into today's prosperous and improved farms, busy towns and industries. John Rhode lived to be 80 years of age, his numerous descendants continue to carry on his example of industry and progress.

Three children by first wife, Mary (Cobb) Rhode:

- I. Daniel<sup>4</sup> T. Rhode (1838-1905), born in Warren County, Ind. Went with his parents when a child to Arkansas in 1839, then back to Indiana and then to Iowa in 1851. Married in Iowa Sarah Talifero (1852-1915). Although Daniel was a big man he was known by everyone as "Little Dan." This nickname came to him when a boy, because his uncle was called "Big Dan."

Daniel made a gold strike at Alder Gulch, Montana (later named Virginia City), which was discovered in 1863. In three years \$3 million was taken from these rich deposits. It was always understood Daniel got his full share. He was known to be well fixed. He was a farmer near Tabor, Iowa. There were 11 children.

- (1) Dora B. Rhode, born 1869, married Charles Delaney 1890; 2 children
  - a. Viola
  - b. Hazel
- (2) Clara M. Rhode, born 1871, married Feb. 11, 1892, George Plank, a farmer. 3 children.





Descendants of John Rhode (cont.)

1. Guy Plank, a farmer, Tabor, Ia., married Velma Dyke; 2 children: Glen, Beaulah
  2. Earl Plank, farmer, Toppenish, Wash., married Lula Blackburn; 2 children: Ruth, Lyle.
  - 3.
- (3) Alonzo Lyman Rhode, farmer, Tabor, Ia. (1873-1949) married 7 Mar. 1896 Lucy Kemp, died 1948. 5 children.
1. Wayne Rhode, a farmer & mechanic. 1927 Mayor of Tabor. Married 9 Mar. 1921 Inez Taylor. 2 children.
    - a. Darrel, died 17 May 1944
    - b. Mildred, married Dean Myers, 2 children: Susan, Joyce.
  2. Winifred Rhode, married Harve Elefon, 1 son, Lyman
  3. Bernice Rhode, married Harold McMahill. Lived Paulsboro, Wash. 2 children: Dwane, Francis.
  4. Harold Rhode, a farmer, Tabor, Iowa. Married Dola Johnson. 2 children: Harold, a teacher, and Marilyn, deceased.
  5. Geraldine Rhode, married Vernard Foster, a farmer, Tabor, Ia. 22 Oct. 1935. 2 children: Larry, Jacquelin.
- (4) Orrin W. Rhode (1875-76); died 1 year of age.
- (5) Margaret (Maggie) A. Rhode, born Apr. 1877, married 12 Oct. 1898 Alonzo Kempton (1869-1945), a farmer, Tabor, Ia., 5 children.
1. Edward Fay Kempton. John Deere implement dealer, Randolph, Ia. born 15 Feb. 1901, married 23 June 1922, Emma Parkinson, 3 ch.
    - a. Janyce Kempton, married Kenneth Miles; live in Denver, Colorado, 3 children.
    - b. Erville Faye Kempton, married Rex Schaffer, teachers. 3 children.
    - c. Norris Kempton, born 1935, died 1956.
  2. Lisle Kempton, born June 1904, a farmer, married 27 Nov. \_\_\_\_\_ Amber Burson; 3 children.
    - a. Virginia, married Glen Forney, 3 children
    - b. Wilma, married Floyd Williams, 2 children
    - c. Donald
  3. Dale Kempton, born 15 June 1906; a farmer, Hastings, Ia. Married Florence Petty; 2 children.
    - a. Barbara, married Gene Harms, Green Ridge, Mo., 2 ch.
    - b. Ronald
  4. Scott Kempton, born 10 Jan. 1908; a farmer, Tabor, Ia. Married 16 Jan. 1929, Leta Forney; 3 children.
    - a. Donna (1930-1951) married Glen Morris.
    - b. Carolyn, born 22 June 1944.
    - c. Patricia, born 17 Nov. 1948.
  5. Alva Kempton, born 6 Oct. 1916, married 24 May 1941, Bertha Mendenhall. He is a mechanic, Tabor, Ia.; 2 children.
    - a. Susan born 15 Feb. 1948
    - b. Richard, born 22 Sept. 1949
- (6) Curtis T. Rhode, born 29 Oct. 1879, a farmer and mechanic Tabor, Ia., married Jennie Brown; died 23 May 1917. 1 child
1. Eva married John Raeburn, accountant, Melbourne, Australia
- (7) Jefferson Albert Rhode, born 30 June 1882, died 25 Feb. 1896.
- (8) Pearl Rhode, born Sept. 1883, married Fred Garvin, who worked in oil fields, Kansas; 2 children.
1. Frederick Garvin, married, lives in California
  2. Edna Garvin, married Allie Walford, Humboldt, Kansas.





Descendants of John Rhode (cont.)

- (9) John Richard Rhode, born 10 Oct. 1886, a mint farmer, Toppenish, Wash., married Bertha Brown; 3 children.
    - 1. Gerald died
    - 2. Ruby, married; 2 children
    - 3. Danny, married; 2 children
  - (10) Ruby Rhode, born 8 Sept. 1888, died 11 Dec. 1891
  - (11) David Daniel Rhode, born 5 Oct. 1891, a farmer, Toppenish, Wash. married Laura German; 5 children: Albert, Clark, Cecil, Oralee, Erna.
- II. Elizabeth Rhode, born 13 March 1841, in Arkansas, died 29 April 1928. Married Joseph Eccleston (1841-1915), lived at Roy, Wash. 3 children.
- (1) Charles W. Eccleston (1868-1939) married 1889 Clara Stevens, born 1870. He was a mechanic; lived Los Angeles, Calif.; 1 child
    - 1. Earle E. Eccleston, born 7 Feb. 1890, married 1918 Elizabeth Davis (1889-1944). He is a mechanical engineer; in 1948 lived in Los Angeles, Calif. 7 children.
      - a. Earle S. Eccleston Jr. born 2 Nov. 1920
      - b. Elizabeth Eccleston, born 24 Jan. 1921; m-Robert Graham
      - c. Laura Eccleston, born 24 Dec. 1923; m-Alvin G. Kellom
      - d. Eva F. Eccleston, born 5 Feb. 1925, m-Carrol C. Caffey; 1 ch.
        - aa. Clare Caffey, born 2 Aug. 1946
      - e. Frances Mary Eccleston, born 1 Aug. 1926
      - f. Ann Elinor Eccleston, born 5 Dec. 1928
      - g. Charles W. Eccleston, born 11 May 1931
  - (2) Fred Eccleston (1871-1945), died Los Angeles, Calif. Mining Engineer in Mexico, Central and S. America; never married.
  - (3) Loren Eccleston, born 19 Sept. 1878; married Pearl Egner. He was a contractor. No children. 1948 lived in California.
- III. Hannah Rhode (1843-1922) born Attica, Ind., died in Porterville, Calif. Married (1st) John Tarpenning, (1838-87) farmer Vertigre Neb. 3 ch. Married (2nd) \_\_\_\_\_ Buffington, no children.
- (1) Lille Tarpening (1869-1918) married John Bruce, drayman, Vertigre, Neb.; 7 children.
    - 1. Mabel Bruce, born 1887, never married; teacher 33 yrs. Vertigre, Neb.
    - 2. Wm. Bruce (1888-1941), married Mary Sandoz, farmer, Lincoln, Neb.; 1 child.
    - 3. Ellen Bruce (1889- ), married Len Lovely, dentist Vertigre, Neb.; no children.
    - 4. Agnes Bruce (1890- ), married John Schwartz, farmer, Vertigre, Neb., 5 children.
    - 5. John Bruce (1892-1946), married Blanche Clark; veterinary, Vertigre, Neb., 3 children.
    - 6. Harold Bruce (1895 ), married Bertha Sandoz; postmaster, Vertigre, Neb.
    - 7. James Bruce (1904-1906)
  - (2) John D. Tarpenning (1875-1939) married Genevieve Eldridge, who died 1946. He was a sawmill owner, Roy, Wash. 4 children.
    - 1. Emerson Tarpenning (1902- ) m-Olive Smith; 2 children
    - 2. Ernest Tarpenning (1903- ) m-Gertrude \_\_\_\_\_; 1 child.
    - 3. Alice Tarpenning (1907- ) m-Walter Coffel; no children
    - 4. Donald Tarpenning (1914- ) m-Marjorie Peterson; 2 children





Descendants of John Rhode (cont.)

- (3) Elizabeth Clara Tarpenning (1884- ), m-Burton J. Cripps (1873-1940) who was merchant, Terra Bella, Calif. In 1948 Elizabeth (Tarpenning) Cripps lived at Terra Bella, Calif. No children.

Eight children of John Rhode and 2nd wife, Martha (Scott) Rhode).  
First two children born in Indiana, rest in Fremont County, Iowa.

- I. Joseph Rhode, born in Indiana; died 15 years of age.
- II. William Rhode (1850-1922) born in Indiana; never married.
- III. Charlotte Rhode, born 25 July 1852 Tabor, Ia., died 30 July 1907. Married Feb. 1882 Will Timson, born 22 Oct. 1849, died April 1936. Farmers near Tabor, Ia. Five children (3 pairs of twins in descendants).
  - (1) Mary M. Timson (1886- ) born Tabor, Ia., married Clarence Dyke (1883-1932. In 1948 Mary headed school lunch program, Anderson, Iowa; 8 children.
    1. Marjorie Avis Dyke, born 1907, m-1926 A. J. Martin, born 1898, 3 children:
      - a. Betty J. Martin, born 1927
      - b. Robert Dyke, born 1931
      - c. Tony J. Dyke, born 1938
    2. Gladys A. Dyke (1908-1938), m -Harold Vance Irwin(1907-1927) 1 child, Benny Lee Irwin, born 1931.
    3. Glen Odell Dyke, born 1911, m- 1947 Vera Dugger, b. 1919. 1 child, Jerry B. Dyke, b- 1947
    4. Clyde Allen Dyke, born 1913.
    5. Faye Louis Dyke, b- 1915, m-1943 Catherine Suber; 2 children
      - a. Cherrel Dyke, born 1946
      - b.
    6. Nina Louise Dyke, b-1917; m-1936 Carl S. Sliger, born 1915. 1 child: Sandra Kay Sliger, b. 1939
    7. Wilma Marie Dyke, born 1920, m-1942 Opal Jack Focht, b.1925.
    8. Billy Dean Dyke, born 1925
  - (2) Cliff C. Timson, born 29 Sept. 1895- married 1920 Pearl Clapper born 22 May 1905. Live at Tabor, Ia., mechanic; 4 children.
    1. Lila Timson (1921-1941) (Lela & Lila were twins.)
    2. Lela Timson, b.8 Nov. 1921. In 1948 nurse Univ. Iowa City.
    3. Mary Alice Timson, born 17 Dec. 1932.
    4. Fay Timson, born 18 Mar. 1931,
  - (3) Paul Timson; married \_\_\_\_\_; 2 children.
    1. Dorothy Timson; married \_\_\_\_\_; lived in Hastings, Ia.
    2. Carl Timson
  - (4) Ella Timson; married Orville Clapper, who was mechanic, Tabor, Ia. 1 child.
    1. Ester Timson, m- Harold Omer, Farmer, Tabor, Ia., 3 ch. Barbara, Carol, Susan.
  - (5) Irene Timson, b- 11 Feb. 1896; m- : Roy Hiatt, b-1892; farmer, Tabor, Ia. 9 children.
    1. Viola Grace Hiatt, b-12 Sept. 1915, m-Clarence Kelso, farmer, 4 children: John, Norma, Minnie, Wesley  
Viola married (2nd) Robert Booth; 2 children: Everett, Kenneth
    2. Wm. Lyle Hiatt, b-27 March 1917; m-1940 Delores Wilson, b-1926. 6 children: Vernon, Frances, Harlo & Carrol twins, Galene, Joyce.





Descendants of John : Rhode (cont.)

(5) Irene(Timson)Hiatt (continued)

3. Elvin George Hiatt, born Oct. 15, 1918; farmer.
4. Leslie Bryson Hiatt, born 5 Dec. 1920, farmer; m-1938  
Effa Crosby, b-1921; 3 children
  - a. Jerry Lee Hiatt, b-1939
  - b. Janice Irene Hiatt, b-1942
  - c. Keith Bryson Hiatt, b-1945
5. Betty Marie Hiatt, b.13 Feb. 1928, m-1946 Glen Axtell,  
laborer, Council Bluffs, Ia. 2 children.
  - a. Leroy Clay Axtell, born 1947.
  - b. Phyliss Marie Axtell, born 1949.
6. Dorothy Arlene Hiatt, born 8 Feb. 1933
7. Charlotte Rosalie Hiatt, born 23 Sept. 1937.
8. Pearl Louise Hiatt, born 8 Aug. 1942
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IV. Jonathan Rhode (1855-1920, farmer near Tabor, Ia. Married Lenora Richards; 3 children.

- (1) Alice Rhode (1881-1930) born Mansfield, Kan., graduated Tabor College; Teacher Tabor schools 10 years; member Congregational Church; singer, active musical circles; never married.
- (2) Mabel Rhode (1883-1941) Teacher Tabor Ia; never married.
- (3) John Rhode, (1895- ) mechanic and farmer, Tabor, Ia., m-Mildred Chantry; 4 children
  1. Harriet Rhode, married Kenneth Malcom. 3 children.  
Donald Malcom, farmer, Tabor, Ia., Rodger, Barbara
  2. Jonathan Rhode, farmer, Tabor, Ia.
  3. Marcia Rhode, married Byron Inman, farmer, Randolph, Ia.  
3 children: Tim, Todd, Elizabeth
  4. James Rhode, born 1930, a mechanic, married Virginia Leets.

V. James Duncan Rhode (1857-1896) married Maggie Dundsen, no children.

VI. Harriet Maria Rhode, (1860-1932) married W. E. Asman (1862-1929), a farmer, 13 children.

- (1) Frank Asman (1884-1909)
- (2) Fred D. Asman (1885-1937) married Lessie Vanetta ; 2 children
  1. Vera F. Asman, married Guy Forney, a farmer; 1 child
  2. Carrol G. Asman, an electrician, married Ruth Lininger; 2 ch.
- (3) Louella Asman, married Warren Clapper, a farmer, Tabor, Ia.; 3 ch.
  1. Virgil W. Clapper, electrician, m-Rosaline Douglass; 2 ch.
  2. Joseph A. Clapper, electrician, m-Beulah Morgan; 2 ch.
  3. Harriet Clapper, m-Ray Dennis; 2 children: James, Jean.
- (4) Goldie Asman (1888-1911) married Earl Clapper, a farmer
- (5) Hazel Asman (1889- ) m-Vernon Wyant, farmer; 2 children.
  1. Margaret Alice Wyant, m-Marlin Hammer, a farmer; 3 ch.
  2. Robert V. Wyant, a farmer, Tabor, Ia., m-Barbara Omer; 2 ch.
- (6) Guy E. Asman (1891- ) farmer, m-Maude Vanatta; 2 children
  1. Harold Asman, m-Gladys Alley
  2. Viola Asman, m-Burbin Padgett, farmer; 4 children.
- (7) Walter E. Asman (1893- ) electrician, m-Nellie Dalton; 2 ch.
  1. Gerald Asman
  2. Ruth Asman, m-Gordon Christianson; 2 ch.
- (8) Elizabeth Asman (1895-1898)
- (9) Jonathan Scott Asman (1897-1900)





# Descendants of John Rhode (Cont)

## VI. Harriet Maria Rhode (cont.)

- (10) Alice Asman (1889- ) m-Steven Diehl, farmer; 6 children.
  1. Wayne Diehl, mechanic, m-Betty Fisher, 3 children
  2. Edwin Diehl, farmer, m- 1 child.
  3. Scott Diehl, farmer
  4. Mildred Diehl, m-Edward Connell; 1 child.
  5. Gilbert Diehl
  6. Carolyn Diehl
- (11) Malcolm Asman, b.1902, m-Alice Bryant; 9 children
- (12) Albert Asman, b.1903, m-Nell Grimsley; 7 children
- (13) Beulah Asman, b.1906, m-Albert Cherry; 3 children
  1. James Cherry, m- 2 children
  2. Dennis Cherry, m- 2 children
  3. Harriet Cherry, m- 1 child

## VII. Eliza Jane Rhode (1862-1905) m-Oliver Timson ( -1942) a farmer; 7 children.

- (1) Benjamin Clyde Timson, b- 18 July 1892
- (2) Maggie Muriel Timson, b- 30 Nov. 1893; m-LeRoy S. Dyke; 5 children
  1. Mabel Dyke, m- \_\_\_\_\_ Johnson; 2 children
    - a. Joanne Johnson
    - b. Donna Johnson

Mabel married 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Aldrich.
  2. Fern R. Dyke, b.-21 Aug. 1914, m- \_\_\_\_\_ Fleer; 2 children
    - a. Darrel Fleer
    - b. Frederick Fleer
  3. Malcolm June Dyke, b- 21 June 1915
  4. Estella Jane Dyke, born 12 July 1920, m- \_\_\_\_\_ Fitzsimmons; 1 child, Halbert L. Fitzsimmons.
  5. Betty Jean Dyke, b- 30 Mar. 1929
- (3) Lawrence Earl Timson, b-30 Nov. 1893. (He and Maggie twins) Married Vyrle Hampton. Mechanic Tabor H.S. garage. 2 children.
  1. Luella Jane Timson, b- 25 July 1923, m- Lynn Decker, an officer in the Coast Guard, Groton, Conn. 3 children; Lynn, Laura, Alan (Laura & Alan twins)
  2. Lyla Mae Timson, born 16 Feb. 1926, married (1st) Fay Windle. killed air crash; 1 child.
    - a. Patty Windle

Lyla married (2nd) Frederick Bird, in 1957 a Master Sgt. Electronics Offut Air Field, Nebraska; 1 child:

    - a. Lyla Lea
- (4) Alta Ruth Timson, b-2 Sept. 1895, m-Edgar Elmer Garrett, farmer; 4 children;
  1. Helen Ailene Garrett, b-28 Mar. 1915 Edgar Davis; 1 child.
  2. Pauline Ruth Garrett, b-14 Aug. 1916 m-Leonard Edwards, a carpenter, Glenwood, Ia; 3 children
    - a. Ruth Elsie Edwards, born 1938
    - b. Leonard E. Edwards, born 1945
    - c. Jane Ann Edwards, born 1948
  3. Elmer Earl Garrett, born 7 May 1918. Lt. in Air Corps; Killed in action South Pacific 3 Dec. 1943.
  4. Robert Addison Garrett, born 14 Sept. 1928.
- (5) Joseph Dundan Timson, born 18 Aug. 1898
- (6) Geneva Louise Timson, born 13 Jan. 1901, m-Asa Smith; 2 children
  1. Norma Darline Smith, b- 19 Aug. 1934, m- \_\_\_\_\_ Hilton; 2 ch.
  2. Edward Leroy Smith, b.-18 Aug. 1926



Descendants of John Rhode (cont.)

- (7) Helen Louisa Timson, b- 9 July 1903, m-Joseph Fenwick; live Glenwood, Ia.; no children.

VIII. Walter Ulysses Rhode (1864-1930) never married, lived near Tabor, Ia.

5. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE -- See Chapter 4

6. HANNAH<sup>3</sup> RHODE (Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) & Descendants

Hannah Rhode was born in 1821 in Indiana, died in Warren County, Ind. 1862. Married 1846 Robert McCord (1821-1888). Hannah Rhode's father was Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Rhode, born in S. Carolina and settled in Warren County in about 1825 her mother was Mary (Anderson) Rhode.

Hannah and her husband were farmers in Warren County, Ind. Their farm was located about one mile from the old original John<sup>1</sup> Rhode homestead. In 1948 the old original McCord farmhouse was still standing but not lived in. A great grandson, Marshall Anderson, operates the farm. There were 8 children.

- I. Harriet<sup>4</sup> McCord (1846- ) married Robert Hurst (1842-1921) who married (2nd) Ester Rhode (Joseph<sup>3</sup> Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>). Lived in Indiana. One child of first marriage: Grant Hurst, born 1871.
- II. Elizabeth McCord (1848-1934) married Isaac Jones, 3 children.
  - (1) James<sup>5</sup> Curtis Jones, married Clare Grames; 4 children
    1. Mary<sup>6</sup> Grames married De McGilvray
    2. Isaac Grames married Beulah Jackman
    3. Ruth Grames married Arthur Baumgardner
    4. Herman Grames married Irene Pierce
  - (2) Hannah Elizabeth Jones married Wm. Anderson; 3 children
    1. Malcolm Anderson married Ethel Martindale.
    2. Marjory Anderson married Lester House.
    3. Marshall Anderson married Mildred Rice; in 1948 farms great grandparents old farm.
  - (3) Ada Alice Jones, married Arthur Eberly, 1 child.
    1. Isaac Eberly, married Thelma Brown.
  - (4) Clement Joseph Jones, married Mary Eliz. Garlan; 6 children.
    1. Ada Jones, married Rolla Frash
    2. Addie Jones married Arba Brutus
    3. Robert Jones
    4. Nancy Jones, married Ralph Harvey
    5. Hazel Jones, married Jacob Baker
    6. Glen Jones, married Ester Kell
- III. James Wilson McCord, born 1849; married Sarah Pearson; family moved to Hanford, Calif. in 1893. Farmers. 6 children.
  - (1) Elsie Jane McCord, born 1879
  - (2) Bessie E. McCord, born 1880, lived on farm Hanford, Calif.
  - (3) Sarah A. McCord, born 1885, lived on farm, Hanford, Calif.
  - (4) Hope McCord, born 1888
  - (5) Ruthie Dell McCord, born 1890
  - (6) Nellie McCord, died in infancy

Reference:

Descendants of John<sup>3</sup> Rhode by Fern Williams (Allice<sup>3</sup> Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) Tabor, Ia.





Descendants of Hannah Rhode (Cont.)

IV. Eleanor McCord, born 1850; married Agustas Gephart, a farmer.

10 children:

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| (1) Charles Gephart   | (6) Eleanor Gephart |
| (2) Minnie Gephart    | (7) Ben Gephart     |
| (3) Agustas Gephart   | (8) Erv Gephart     |
| (4) Isaac Gephart     | (9) Robt. Gephart   |
| (5) Elizabeth Gephart | (10) Anna Gephart   |

V. Emily Jane McCord (1852-1935); married Allen John Eberle; 4 children

- (1) Robert Allen Eberle, born 1890
- (2) Minnie Rebecca Eberle, born 1892
- (3) DeWitt Eberle, born 1893
- (4) Jay B. Eberle, born 1896

VI. Joseph Harvey McCord, born 1855- ; farmer, married Mary Addie Hall, born 1866, died 1940; 7 children:

- (1) Robert Allen McCord
- (2) Edward Grant McCord, born 1886
- (3) Mary Elizabeth McCord, born 1887
- (4) Addie Adella McCord, born 1888
- (5) Eleanor Jane McCord, born 1891
- (6) Josie McCord, born 1894
- (7) Louis Hall McCord, born 1900

VII. Jonathan McCord, born 1858, married Anna \_\_\_\_\_. They lived and died at Hanford, Calif.; three children:

- (1) Nina McCord
- (2) Eileen McCord
- (3) Robert McCord

VIII. Zadie Alice McCord (1860-1860) died in infancy.

7. CALEB<sup>3</sup> RHODE, the son of Jonathan and Mary (Anderson) Rhode was born in Indiana in 1822 and died in Warren County, Ind., 25 Jan. 1882; married Elizabeth McCord, who was born in 1830, died in Warren County 14 June 1880. She was the daughter of James McCord, Sr., and her brother Robt. McCord was the husband of Caleb<sup>2</sup> Rhode's sister Hannah. Both Caleb and his wife Elizabeth buried in the old Rhode Quaker Cemetery near Attica, Indiana.

Caleb Rhode and his wife were farmers in Warren Co. Ind. Their farm was just across the road from the old homestead of his father and mother, Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Rhode and Mary (Anderson) Rhode. The old original Caleb Rhode house was still standing in 1948 and at that time was occupied by a great granddaughter and her husband, who operated the place as a dairy farm. There were 9 children:

- I. Samuel Rhode, married Melissa Melton; 2 children; 1 son James and a daughter.
- II. Jonathan Rhode, born 19 Nov. 1848; married 14 March 1872, Cordelia Cottingham. They lived in Benton Co. Ind. Children: 1-Alma E. Rhode.
- III. Wade Rhode, married Mary Ann Shackleton. They lived at Boswell, Ind.
- IV. Webster Rhode, married Medsker.
- V. James K. Rhode, born 5 Aug. 1852, died 5 Oct. 1922; married Sarah McKinzie. They lived in Warren Co., Ind. Children: 4 - 3 daughters and 1 son, Seymour Rhode, married McKinzie; lived at Attica, Ind.
- VI. Alice Rhode married Frank Adair, who was a photographer. They lived in Hoopeston, Ill.





7. CALEB RHODE (cont.)  
 VII. Emma Jane Rhode, married Steadman.  
 VIII. Ellen Rhode married James Shackleton.  
 IX. Arvilla Rhode married George Bailey.

8. SEYMOUR<sup>3</sup> T. RHODE (Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and DESCENDANTS  
 Seymour T. Rhode was born in Indiana 13 Feb. 1825, died near Attica, Ind. 22 Jan. 1874; married 1 May 1849 to Lucy Benge, born 8 Feb. 1830 in Indiana, died in Pine Village, Ind. 29 March 1907 at age 77 years; buried by her husband in the Rhode Quaker cemetery. She was daughter of Thomas and Dorcas (Bales) Benge.

Seymour Rhode's father and mother, Jonathan and Harriet (Anderson) Rhode, in company with their parents John and Mary (Lewis) Rhode came to Ohio in about 1814, then removed to Warren County, Indiana, near Attica, in 1826, where Jonathan Rhode in 1828 and 1831 took up 360 acres of government land.

Seymour T. Rhode always lived on the homestead which his father had taken up. He was the youngest of 8 children. He, like his father and grandfather, was a Quaker in religious belief. In politics he was a Republican. He was a man of business ability and made a success of agricultural pursuits, adding to the original farm until it contained 600 acres, all under cultivation.

After the death of Seymour Rhode in 1874 his wife, Lucy (Benge) Rhode continued to operate the farm with the help of the children until 1889, when a son James N. Rhode took over, first renting, then buying the farm in 1907.

Lucy (Benge) Rhode, his wife, resided in Warren County nearly 75 years, journeying there with her parents, Thomas and Dorcas (Bales) Benge in the winter on sleds when she was an infant. She was a member of the Methodist Church in which she was an active and faithful member. She is buried beside her husband in the Rhode Quaker cemetery near the old homestead.

There were 6 children born to Seymour Rhode and his wife Lucy (Benge) Rhode. All were born on the old Jonathan Rhode homestead.

- I. Jonathan<sup>4</sup> T. Rhode, died 17 June 1851 in infancy.
- II. Jonathan D. Rhode, born 1852, died 31 May 1895, married Emma Milligan, a sister of the wife of his brother William C; she was born in 1857, died in 1942. He was a farmer in Warren County, Ind.; no ch.
- III. William Curtis Rhode, born 1852, died 1931; married Jane Milligan born 1855, died 1932. He was a farmer, Warren Co., Ind. 4 children.
  - (1) Bertha<sup>5</sup> Rhode, born 1880, died 1947; married John Claypool, born 1881, a chemist, resided at Long Island, N.Y. 2 children:
    1. Jean<sup>6</sup> Evelyn Claypool, married Walter Donovan, 3 children: Johnny, Susan, Florence.
    2. John William Claypool.
  - (2) Charles Rhode, born 1882, married Vyna Parker, born 1889. He was a farmer near Attica, Ind., 2 children.
    1. Junice Corine Rhode married Homer Carlile, 1 child, Homer Carlile.
    2. Charles Jay Rhode
  - (3) Marshall Rhode, born 1888, married Anna Ritenour. His occupation, farmer, near Pine Village, Ind. No children.



Descendants of Seymour Rhode (Cont.)

8. SEYMOUR T. RHODE Descendants (cont.)

III. Wm. Curtis Rhode (cont.)

- (4) Seymour Rhode, born 1884; married Kesie Cobb, born 1882. He was a bookkeeper, Attica, Ind. 1 child:  
1. Joseph Rhode, born 1918. He is a farmer.

IV. Joseph Frank Rhode, died 1875, about 11 years of age.

- V. James N. Rhode, born 1863, died 23 Dec. 1950; married Effie Sailor, who was born in 1866, Alesworth, Ind., died 3 Sept. 1951. In 1889 he and his wife rented his father's farm, the old original homestead of his grandfather Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Rhode, and upon his mother's death in 1907 bought out the other heirs. James N. Rhode was widely known over the State of Indiana as a successful farm operator, and held the official title of "Master Farmer". His son Lee Rhode was associated with him and in recent years has taken over the active management of the 600 acre farm and livestock business.

James N. Rhode, until his death at the age of 87, resided with his wife on the old homestead, and took an active interest in farm and community activities. "Jimmy" as he was called, was the "Patriarch" of the Rhode descendants in Warren County, Ind. He was well known to Rhode descendants around Tabor, Ia., where he made a number of visits. James N. Rhode and his wife were married 61 years.  
3 children:

- (1) Lee Rhode, born 10 July 1890; married Kathryn Zimmerman, born 3 Dec. 1889, farmed with his father; was manager of Warren County Rural Electrification Program; 1 child.  
1. Jean Rhode, married Daniel Minnick, farmer, Attica, Ind.
- (2) Celia Rhode, born 6 April 1896; married Leo Hunter, born 13 July 1890, <sup>died 1957</sup> who is a farmer at Williamsport, Ind. (1948)  
2 children:  
1. Glenna Deane Hunter, born 16 Oct. 1920, <sup>died 1952</sup> married W. E. Pfeifer, an optometrist, Attica, Ind. 2 children  
a. James<sup>8</sup> William Pfeifer, born 2 April 1944  
b. John David Pfeifer, born 19 Feb. 1946  
2. Betty Jane Hunter, born 30 Oct. 1921; married W. D. Blind, veterinarian, Crawfordsville, Ind. 1 child, Sudan Jane Blind, born 24 Aug. 1946.
- (3) Glenn N. Rhode, born 28 June 1898, married Frances Ambler born 1901. Farmer. Live at Pine Village, Ind. No children.

VI. Celia Rhode, born 12 Nov. 1868, died 11 Mar. 1942; married Ira Sailor born 1863, died 1940. His occupation farmer at Williamsport, Ind. Children: 2

- (1) Georgia Sailor, born 1892, married Earl Steele, born 14 Oct. 1886, an accountant, Oxford, Ind. Children: 2  
1. Beatrice May Steele, born 19 Jan. 1914; married George Holbrige. Live at Quincy, Ill.  
2.
- (2) John Sailor, born 19 April 1898, married Marguerite Driscoll, his occupation hardware store, resided in Frankford, West Virginia; 2 children:  
1. Sue Sailor, born 21 Dec. 1928  
2. Linda Lee Sailor, born 27 July 1934.





## CHAPTER IV

JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE (Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

1819 - 1886

### HIS LIFE AND TIMES





JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE (Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>)  
1819 - 1886

ANCESTORS AND BIRTH

Joseph<sup>3</sup> Rhode's grandfather was John<sup>1</sup> Rhode, who came to America some time about 1776 to 1780, and settled in South Carolina, where he married Mary Lewis. John Rhode left South Carolina about 1814 along with three of his sons, Thomas, Seymour and Caleb, settling in Ohio until about 1820, when the whole family moved to Indiana. Two other sons, William and Jonathan, had left So. Carolina about 1810.

Joseph<sup>3</sup> Rhode's father was Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Rhode, and his mother was Mary Harriet (Anderson) Rhode, who, according to family tradition, was a first cousin to William S. Rosencrans, one of the Union Generals of the Civil War. Joseph Rhode was the fifth child of eight children: Hester, Daniel, Allice, John, Joseph, Hannah, Caleb and Seymour. Joseph Rhode was born in 1819 in Ohio; this was about a year before the Rhode clan loaded up their wagons and moved farther west to Indiana.

JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE MARRIES ELIZABETH GRAY

Joseph Rhode married Elizabeth Gray in Indiana on 11 July 1839. Her father was John Gray, who was a soldier in the War of 1812 against England. Her grandfather was William Gray, an Englishman, who immigrated to South Carolina about 1761. William Gray fought in the War of the Revolution.\* He was killed in the Battle of Kings Mountain, fought at Charlotte, N. C. Oct. 7, 1780, between 1100 British and 1000 American backwoodsmen. The British losses were 200 killed and 664 taken prisoners. The American losses were 28 killed and 60 wounded. (See Chap. 6, History of Gray family)

TREK TO THE OZARKS\*\*

About a year after his marriage to Elizabeth Gray, Joseph Rhode, along with his parents, his four brothers and two sisters with their husbands, all trekked in 1840 to the Ozarks in northern Arkansas. Farming in the hilly country of the Ozarks did not prove successful. Joseph and his brothers however had exciting tales to tell their descendants in the years to come, of their prowess and success in bear hunting.

Two children, Mary and Harriet, were born to Joseph and his wife Elizabeth in Arkansas. In the summer of 1843 the whole Rhode tribe left the Ozarks to return to Indiana, except Joseph's older brother Daniel, who remained in the Ozarks, and then moved to Iowa in 1847. A short time before leaving the Ozarks Joseph's mother had passed away (1843).

GRUBBING OUT NEW FARMS IN INDIANA

When the Rhode clan returned to Indiana they rejoined the four brothers of their father Jonathan. These brothers, William, Thomas, Seymour and Caleb, with their families, had been busy in the meantime grubbing out and improving their farms. Soon after his return to Indiana from the Ozarks, Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Rhode, the father of Joseph, passed away 23 Nov. 1845. Joseph and each of his brothers' and sisters' husbands, purchased timber land and started to grub out farms again from the white oak forests. At that time the land was poorly

\* Lineage Book Vol. 75, Page 3 of the Daughters of the American Revolution Serial Number 74009. Mrs. Calla Wattles Fenton, descendant of William<sup>2</sup> Rhode, Serial Number 74009.

\*\* Detailed story of Ozark trip in life of Jonathan Rhode, Chapter II.





drained, there were many ponds and sloughs which caused much malaria, so nearly every family had the "ager" from time to time.

#### DANIEL<sup>3</sup>RHODE SETTLES IN IOWA IN 1847\*

"Joseph's oldest brother Daniel had remained in the Ozarks of Arkansas for about two years and then in 1847 trekked to southwest Iowa, which was afterwards called Fremont County (organized 1849). Daniel Rhode first located near Big Springs at the edge of the bluff north of Hamburg where the Odd Fellows Park is located. This was before the Oberlin Colony had located in Civil Bend in Oct. 1848. Daniel Rhode then filed claims to a large tract of land a few miles west of what is now the town of Tabor. On his way to Iowa he drove 100 head of steers and sold them to the Mormons, who were enroute to their new location in Utah, now Salt Lake City. The cost to Daniel Rhode was about \$8 a head, he sold them at \$80 to \$100 per yoke."

#### JOSEPH<sup>3</sup>RHODE AND BROTHER JOHN TREK TO IOWA IN 1851

Joseph and John Rhode had heard from their brother Daniel of the great opportunities in western Iowa. The spirit of adventure and lure of good land to be homesteaded farther West seized them. So they sold their farms in Indiana and started for the West. Both brothers of course took along their families; with Joseph was his wife Elizabeth and their four small children: Mary, 10 years of age; Harriet, 9; Dora 5; and Martha 1, the last two having been born in Indiana.

Of this trip Rev. Jacobs writes:\*

"This was in the days before there were any railroads. They had two large covered wagons, each drawn by four yoke of oxen which the brothers drove. They were followed by two horse wagons, driven by their wives. Household goods and farming tools were loaded in the wagons. They also had along ten cows. It took over two months to make the journey of 600 miles from Indiana to western Iowa. There were few if any bridges; the streams had to be forded or ferried. Illinois and Iowa were sparsely settled at that time, and they would travel for days without seeing a house."

#### SETTLING IN IOWA

In midsummer of 1851 Joseph and John Rhode with their families arrived in Fremont County, near what is now the town of Tabor, in western Iowa, where they were greeted by their older brother Daniel, who was waiting for them. John Rhode bought a timber claim from John Hughes for \$600. Joseph entered land from the government for \$1.25 per acre, the amount asked during that early period; and as they were among the first settlers, they had their choice of land. It is interesting to note that they did not choose the broad flat prairie land of the river bottoms, but settled on rolling land partially timbered. The reason for choosing the rolling timbered land was that they needed timber for buildings and fences, and also the protection from winter storms that such a location afforded. No doubt these were good reasons at that time for such a choice. However, in later years the bottom lands were more valuable.

#### PIONEER DAYS IN IOWA

The early days of 1851 in Iowa were pioneer days. Joseph<sup>3</sup> Rhode was now thirty-two years of age. His life so far had been spent in the front ranks of agricultural pioneering as it advanced westward. First in Ohio, then Indiana, the Ozarks in Arkansas, back to Indiana, and now to the far West, as western Iowa was called at that time. This last settlement in Iowa was to be his permanent home.

\*Quoted from Reminiscences by Rev. Peter Jacobs, Tabor, Ia. Beacon, Jan. 1939





After Joseph Rhode had selected his land, there was much to be done before winter set in. First, corrals for the cows, horses and oxen. Next a log cabin to house his family had to be built. The three brothers worked together on their cabins, as their farms adjoined. The log cabin had one room only. The fireplace was made of logs and mud. Some of the land had to be made ready for the crops that were to be planted the coming spring.

Roving bands of Indians were often troublesom. While the red men had been removed to reservations in nearby Kansas and Nebraska, they often came over to the Iowa side of the Missouri River to hunt and trap. One day when Joseph Rhode had been out hunting, he returned home to find the Indians looting his granary and insisting that his wife Elizabeth give them her store of bacon and hams. Martha (Rhode) Loveland, a daughter, writes:\*

"I so well remember the incident about those Indians being so very cross and ugly to our dear little mother, who was alone with Seym and me, who were not yet of school age (about 1854-56). They just walked in and did not even knock. You know they can be so very quiet and pussyfooted when they want to be.

"That time they asked for meat and mother went to her cupboard and brought out a large platter of boiled meat, of course it being for our family dinner, when they would all come home hungry. But no, they pointed to the smoke house and ordered her out there; so she took a box and stood on it, and started to take down a side of bacon, but they shook their heads angrily and said 'big meat' so of course she began to hand down hams and shoulders.

"But just then dear Daddy (Joseph Rhode) appeared on the scene with his gun, and were the Indians surprised? and were we glad. He told them to drop the hams and shoulders and then he pointed down the road and said 'Puc- a- chee' which in Indian language meant 'beat it' and believe me, they did as they were commanded.

"I well remember how I was very much afraid the Indians would leave some of their papooses, as they were strapped on boards and leaned up against the logs in the woodpile; but they took them and went off on the run, much to our great joy.

"Father was always kind and generous with the Indians, but he would not tolerate such acts, as taking advantage of a frail little woman, for dear mother never weighed a hundred pounds. Yes, those were sure rich pioneer days."

#### GAME ABUNDANT

Wild game in the early days was plentiful, wild turkeys, geese, ducks, prairie chickens, quail and cotton tail rabbits abounded. Deer provided venison for the table and buckskin for garments. On Thanksgiving Day wild turkey was roasted for the family dinner. Coon, mink, muskrat, and skunk provided useful furs for caps and mittens. The Missouri River was only ten miles to the west, and fish were easily and often caught for the family table.

In July 1856 Dorothy (Gray) Rhode, wife of Jont Rhode (Seymour<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) wrote from Hamburg, Iowa, to her parents in Indiana:\*\*

"Deer are thick, Jont's daddy killed three this spring and two since we came home. The boys have gotten back from fishing in a lake about a half mile from here and they have a fine lot, some of them are two foot long. We can catch as many fish as we want. Flour is five dollars and a quarter a hundred and hard to get at that. Chickens are two dollars a dozen. We don't have much to eat, only meat, cornbread and coffee, as we don't have much garden stuff yet. Aunt Betsa (Elizabeth (Gray) Rhode) and her girls are the

\* Letter to Ellis G. Rhode 1935

\*\* Copy of letter furnished by Guy Rhode of Ranchester, Wyo. to Ellis Rhode





## Joseph<sup>3</sup> Rhode (Cont.)

finest ladboys in Iowa; she has got Mary and Harriet fine silk bonnets and two fine dresses a peace."

Much of the family larder was supplied by the hunting skill of Joseph Rhode with his muzzle loading rifle and shotgun. When sons Seym and Charles were old enough to handle guns\* they spent much of their spare time providing game for the family needs. In 1870- 1880 there were still buffalo on the plains of nearby Nebraska and Kansas; Seym and Charles made trips to hunt these animals. Every family had a supply of tanned buffalo hides which were useful for overcoats and bed coverings in the winters.

### THREE BROTHERS PROSPER

The three brothers, Joseph, John and Daniel, became large landowners and were prominent and prosperous citizens of Fremont County. Each lived in log cabins for a number of years, later building large residences to house their large families.

The rural school which their children attended was known as the "Rhode School" as for years most of the scholars came from the three Rhode families.

### JOSEPH RHODE BUILDS NEW MANSION

For eight years Joseph Rhode and his family lived in the old log cabin until there were eight children in the family. In 1859 he finished building the finest mansion in all of Fremont County. People came from miles around to see this stately and commodious two and a half story bouse. It was built of native wood from the local area, much of it being black walnut and oak. The interior was all finished in black walnut. The sills in the foundation were hand hewn from oak and walnut logs. Sam McCormick, who was by trade a carpenter and who later married Joseph's daughter Harriet, helped build the new house.

Moving into the big new house was a great event in the lives of the Joseph Rhode family, after living so many years in the cramped quarters and primitive accommodations of the old log cabin. This house was a landmark in Fremont County and was in constant use for 85 years. (In 1946 it was sold for \$400 and torn down for the black walnut and oak lumber used in its construction.)

Joseph's wife Elizabeth lived to enjoy the new home for only four years. It was a deep satisfaction to her however that at last her family had adequate room and conveniences the new mansion afforded; after a lifetime of keeping house and caring for her family in the rude log shelters of the frontier.

### TEN CHILDREN BORN TO JOSEPH RHODE AND WIFE ELIZABETH

Mary, born in 1841, and Harriet, 1842, were born in the Ozarks in Arkansas; Dora, born 1846, John Wesley, born 1848 (died in infancy), and Martha, born 1850 were all born in Indiana. The following were born in the log cabin on the Rhode homestead near Tabor, Iowa: Seymour, born 1852; Esther, born 1854; and Sarah, born 1857. The last two children, Charles, born 1860, and Elizabeth, born 1863, were both born in the new house on the Rhode farm. All except John Wesley, who died in infancy, lived to marry and all raised families of their own except Elizabeth, who married but had no children.

### LIFE ON THE FARM IN THE EARLY DAYS

Farming in the early fifties was slow and cumbersome as compared to modern farming with gasoline tractors and labor saving farm machinery. Oxen were used for plowing and hauling. Much of the farm work was done by hand. Tools were few and crude. From Indiana the Rhode brothers brought plows,

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\* Charles H. Rhode's old muzzle loading shotgun, in possession of Ellis Rhode.





harrows, hoes, hand rakes, spades and scythes. This represented the equipment of the most prosperous farmer in the early pioneer days of the 1850's.

The land the Rhode brothers settled on was rolling and partially wooded. There were some open meadows covered with buffalo grass, which was ready for the plow. In other places brush had to be cleared from the land. This land of course was virgin soil, never having been plowed. The plow used was known as the walking plow. It was a single plow with handles which the plowman grasped to guide its course. Harrows were made by driving spikes or setting teeth on a series of rails fastened together.

Oats and wheat were sowed by hand. In harvesting the grain was cut by hand with a device called a "cradle", which was a large scythe with a framework to collect the grain in bundles as it was cut. The bundles were bound by hand, using straw for bands. The McCormick reaper did not come into general use until about the time of the Civil War. There were no threshing machines. The grain was first separated from the straw by flailing, which was pounding the grain by a short stick of wood tied by a piece of rope to a longer stick, which was swung by the flailer. The grain was then separated from the hulls by winnowing or pouring the grain and hulls on a windy day from a basket, the wind blowing the hulls to one side. Hay was cut with a scythe, after drying it was raked by hand with forks and piled in haystacks which were afterward pitched on to the wagon and hauled to the haystack or to the barn.

Corn was planted by hand. The whole family helped in harvesting or husking the corn in the fall. As the wagon went slowly down the row with many stops, two or three rows on each side were husked and thrown into the wagon. Someone had to husk the down row behind the wagon, which was the hardest job, so they usually took turns and no one was anxious for his turn. Selected ears of corn were hung in the barn to dry and be used for seed the following year. Corn was fed to stock in the ear. Corn to be shelled had to be done by hand, a laborious process. Corn and wheat were taken to a mill and traded for cornmeal and flour. The mill was located on a river and used water power to grind the grain.

Rails were used for fences. Barbed wire was not invented until 1875. However, rail fences were used for a long time after that, where rails were available. Even today one can find rail fences in use in wooded regions.

Every family raised a large garden, providing an abundance and variety of fresh vegetables. Large amounts of garden products were canned or put down for winter use. The root vegetables such as potatoes and carrots were stored in a cave or cellar where they would not freeze in the winter. Apple orchards were planted, which later provided a plentiful supply of apples. Mention has already been made of the abundance of game which provided much of the fresh meat. Hogs were butchered, the hams and sides were smoked in the smokehouse with hickory wood. The cows furnished fresh milk, the cream was skimmed from shallow crocks and after souring, was churned by hand in a dasher churn to make butter. Sorghum cane was taken to a neighbor, who operated a small mill. The stalks were fed into rollers operated by a horse hitched to a sweep, the horse walking around in a circle. The roller crushed out the juice, which was boiled down in shallow pans, making molasses. The children made molasses candy by boiling down the molasses and adding peanuts. Soap was made by letting water drip through a barrel of ashes; this ash water was put in a large iron kettle holding some twenty-five gallons, where the ash water was boiled with hog fat, which made soap. This soap was really potent. When hardened it was cut in cakes.

In the woods were to be found a variety of good things to eat. Black walnuts were gathered under the trees after the first frost in the fall. Shucking the walnuts stained the hands, which did not come off for days. Hickory nuts grew on the shellbark hickory trees. Wild grapes and plums made





fine jelly and wild goose-berries made wonderful pies. Paw-paws were considered a great delicacy. The children loved to eat wild choke-cherries, which puckered their mouths and blacked their teeth. Wild blackberries grew along the fence rows, where one often got into poison ivy with bad results.

There was plenty of work on the farm from early to late for the adults. The children had their chores to do when they came home from the Rhode country school: filling the woodbox, gathering the eggs, feeding the farm stock, and many other chores. During the summer vacation there was farm and garden work, hoeing and weeding to keep them busy. The farm supplied plentiful and nourishing food and outdoor work whetted their appetites. Even with their many duties the children found time to play. The boys often went hunting and fishing. They all gathered berries and went nutting. There was the old swimming hole in the creek nearby, which was a fine place to be on hot summer days. They made pets of the young calves, colts and sometimes even the pigs. On the farm there were always a number of dogs and cats. There were horses to ride; all the children, of course, knew how to harness, drive and ride horses.

Farm work of course entailed long hours of physical labor, but there were rewards of tasks accomplished, of crops growing in the spring, and the harvest in the fall. In the long winter evenings the children would gather around the fireplace, cracking nuts, popping popcorn, and parching sweetcorn, while mother was busy with her spinning wheel and father rested in his home made chair. Before going to bed father always read a chapter in the Bible to the family. The last thing of course the children demanded a story, of which Joseph Rhode had a large fund, especially bear stories which the children loved; these bear stories were supposed to be true stories of bear hunting by the Rhode brothers in the Ozarks. The following are some of the Joseph Rhode stories.

"One time an old sailor came by the farm here and asked for a job for a few days. Back of the house was some land that needed plowing. As one of the oxen had died, I hitched up Nancy, the mare, with the remaining ox. I started the sailor out on a furrow, but not long after coming back to the house I heard a great commotion. I could hear the sailor shouting, SHIP AHOY! SHIP AHOY! -- So I shouted back, WHAT'S THE MATTER? then the sailor answered -- THE LARBOARD OX IS ON THE STARBOARD SIDE AND NANCY IS TANGLED UP IN THE RIGGING."

"Another story, daddy" the children would beg, as children usually do --

"Well, in the early days when we mowed the grain with the scythe or cradle, the neighbors usually helped each other out. So a number of us were mowing the wheat of a neighbor who was known for his stinginess. The men had been busy mowing wheat from sunup to sundown. All the grain we had cut was still on the ground. Just as we were quitting at sundown, the old man cocked his head to one side, put his hand behind his ear as if listening, and said: 'Hark, hear him tunder? Gather and shock, boys, gather and shock.' Now there was not a cloud in the sky, but thinking the old man must have heard distant thunder, the men started binding the loose bundles and then setting the bundles in shocks; working in the long twilight until darkness came, making the grain safe from a possible rain.

"It did not rain, and the next day the men wondered if the old man had really heard thunder. Well along about sundown the next day as the men were finishing the mowing, the old man acted again as if he were listening and said again, as the day before: 'Hark, hear him tunder? Gather and shock, boys.'" We knew for sure now that the old man had been playing a mean trick on us and we were in no mood to be





fooled again. I stepped up to the old man, shook my fist under his nose, and said to him: 'Now you played a dirty trick on us yesterday, but you can't get away with it again today. We don't hear any thunder and neither do you. You can gather and shock your own grain and after this you can do your own mowing as well.'

"Now a bear story, daddy," the children would say. Father Joseph would answer:

"Well, all right, but this will be the last story and then to bed all of you..... I remember one time we five brothers went bear hunting in the Ozarks of Arkansas. The dogs finally trailed a bear to some caves in a ledge of rock below where we were. We let your Uncle Daniel down over the ledge with a rope that we carried. It was not long before we heard a shot followed by more shots, which seemed to come as fast as the old muzzle loading rifle could be reloaded. Then the shooting stopped and after what seemed to be a long time, we began to get very much worried as to what had happened to Uncle Daniel. Perhaps an old she bear had attacked him and this very moment was chewing him up.

"There was only one thing to do, one of us must go to his rescue. It was decided that I should go, so strapping a gun on my back and sticking a long knife in my belt I was just starting to go over the cliff on the rope when there was a tug on the rope, which was the signal to haul it up. When we pulled there was something heavy on the end of the rope, either a bear or Uncle Daniel. When we finally got it up to the edge of the cliff, it was a great fat bear tied on the end of the rope. After untieing the bear, we lowered the rope to pull up Uncle Daniel, and what do you think?..Instead of Uncle Daniel there was a second bear on the end of the rope!

"The third time we lowered the rope. Now we would haul up Uncle Daniel and hear how he killed the two bears, but were we surprised when we hoisted up the rope, and on the end, honest to goodness, a third bear! We began to wonder if Uncle Daniel had killed all the bears in the Ozarks. Our arms ached pulling up those heavy bears. Well, we let the rope down again and pulled it up the fourth time. Something heavy was on the end again, and what do you suppose was on the rope this time? (The children would chorus, 'Another bear')...No, this time it was really Uncle Daniel, all safe and sound without a scratch on him.

"Now skedaddle to bed, every man Jack of you!"

#### ELIZABETH (GRAY) RHODE, PIONEER WIFE AND MOTHER

Elizabeth Rhode's life exemplified the highest and noblest traditions of the pioneer wife and mother. She shared the adventures and hardships of the frontier with her husband, Joseph. With him she made three long laborious overland treks to new frontiers, cooking the meals over campfires. On the two months' trip from Indiana to Iowa, she drove a team and cared for her small children. Twenty of her twenty-four years of married life was spent in log cabins, with its inconveniences and the back breaking toil of pioneer living and caring for a large family.

The fireplace in the Rhode log cabin on the homestead near Tabor, Iowa, was used for heating and cooking. Home made tallow candles served for light. Water was carried from the spring. Mattresses were stuffed with straw. Furniture was made by hand. Clothes were fashioned from flax and wool, carded and spun during the long winter evenings. In the early days she planned on going to town but once a year. Sidney was their trading center at first. The yearly trip was a great shopping event. So careful was she of her meager household equipment, that she expected her sewing needle to last her for a full





year, and on this annual visit to the village purchased a new one. In later years her children often spoke of the skill and dexterity of her busy fingers. One may well wonder how a woman of her small size could accomplish all the many things she did. Her daughter Martha said that she was a frail looking woman, weighing less than one hundred pounds.

She bore and cared for ten children, who always remembered their mother Elizabeth for her high ideals, her faith in the Bible, and her affection and care for each of them. There were thirty grandchildren, not one of whom she lived to see. The last four years of her life were spent in the fine new house, she and her husband Joseph had dreamed of so many years while living in log cabins. To Elizabeth the new house was a source of great pride and gratitude, that at last her large family had ample room and conveniences.

In 1863 shortly after the birth of her last child Elizabeth, who was named after her mother, Elizabeth (Gray) Rhode, passed away from blood poisoning, due to this birth. She is buried beside her husband in the Rhode family plot in the Tabor, Iowa, cemetery.

Elizabeth (Gray) Rhode's favorite chapter in the Bible was the sixth chapter of Matthew. Her favorite verses in this chapter were the 3rd, 19th and 20th verses, in which are found the following passages:

"When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal"

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

#### TABOR COLLEGE

For many years Tabor College, located at Tabor, Iowa, was the center of educational and cultural activities in southwest Iowa. Tabor College was a Congregational co-educational school. It had a fine campus, brick buildings, an excellent faculty, and was highly rated. Tabor College was founded in 1866. Until it closed in about 1910 Tabor College gave excellent educational advantages to many ambitious young people largely from southwest Iowa. There were no high schools in this area in the 70's and early 80's, but there was a Tabor Academy founded in 1857, which gave education and training beyond grade school.

There is definite record that at least four of Joseph Rhode's sons and daughters attended Tabor College: Seym, Charles, Bessie and Martha. Probably some of the others attended also. The old roster of the Amateur Society\* lists Charles and Bessie as being members of this Literary Society (later called Phi Delta Literary Society) which was one of the social and self improvement organizations of the college.

#### JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE'S SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

Charles<sup>4</sup> Rhode writes:\*\*

"My father, Joseph Rhode, was a large man of athletic build, standing well over six feet in height. His brothers Daniel and John were also large men. Joseph Rhode was the best foot racer, jumper, and all around athlete in the whole county round. He had the record of being the strongest man at the log rollings in the neighborhood.

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\* In possession of Ellis Rhode

\*\* Letter to Ellis Rhode Feb. 1913





"Joseph Rhode was much above the average man in character and everything that goes to make a man above men. He took an active part in county politics. He was a County Supervisor for years. Old settlers of Fremont County told me he broke the worst ring of grafters that ever infested a county court house. He was a man of fine judgment and was absolutely on the square in all of his dealings."

His services to the community were honored by his being chosen as representative of his district to the Seventeenth General Assembly or State Legislature, which met in Des Moines, Iowa, from January to March 1878\*\*\*

"Joseph Rhode took a very active part in this legislative session. Whenever a number of Representatives were standing on the floor at the same time seeking recognition of the speaker or chairman, it is said that Joseph Rhode was almost always given preference to speak.

"He was known far and wide by the name of 'Uncle Joe' and for many years in the fifties and sixties, he knew every man in Fremont County. In all public questions and enterprises, he was a leader and was always ready to stand for the right. In fact, he often let his own business suffer to attend to that of the public. He was an ideal man and had few if any faults." (End of quote from Charles Rhode.)

A granddaughter Stella<sup>5</sup> (Loveland) Towne relates: "During Civil War grandfather Joseph Rhode was appointed as Captain of the Home Guards. One of his duties being to organize the help in harvesting the crops of families whose men folks had gone to war."

Rev. Peter Jacobs writes: "Joseph Rhode's family were all regular attendants at the Congregational Church at Tabor. As there were fourteen children of his own, and nine others who found a home with him, it required two spring wagons to bring them to church. When the first of the family were ready to be seated in their pew, the last ones would be coming up the steps."

#### JOSEPH RHODE MARRIES SECOND TIME

In about 1865 Joseph Rhode married a second time to a widow, Mrs. Mary J. West, who had three children of her own, all of whom came to live in her new home. They were Arthur J. West, Alice West and Earnest West. Two children were born to Joseph Rhode and his second wife, Mary; they were Edith, born in 1866 and Lucy born in 1868. The second wife was a grand woman, it is said she taught the children by her example. She had her hands full, bringing up the large family which now numbered fifteen counting her own. Harriet, one of the older daughters of Joseph, had been married in 1863. About seven years after her marriage to Joseph Rhode, Mary died suddenly of heart failure in 1872.

#### JOSEPH RHODE MARRIES THIRD TIME

In 1879 Joseph Rhode married a third time to Mrs. Alice (Paul) Snow, who was born in 1847 in Indiana and died at Sheridan, Wyo. in 1915. Alice Snow was a widow with three small children of her own, Luella Snow, Herschel Snow and Agnes Snow.

Two children were born to Joseph Rhode and his third wife Alice; they were Oliver Guy, born 1880, and Raymond Paul born 1882.

Three other children, Thomas A. Rhode, Seymour J. Rhode (little Seym) and Aletha Rhode, who had been orphaned by the death of their parents (Elizabeth and Caleb Rhode, cousin of Joseph) came to live under the paternal roof of Joseph Rhode. This made a total of twenty-three raised in the Joseph Rhode home.

\*\*\* Letter to Ellis Rhode 24 Nov. 1933 from Curator of State Historical Department, Des Moines, Ia. confirming Joseph Rhode's services as Representative.





JOSEPH RHODE PASSES AWAY IN 1886

In January 1886 Joseph Rhode passed away from heart failure at the age of 67 years. He was buried in the Rhode family plot in Tabor, Iowa, beside his first wife, Elizabeth. Thirteen of his fourteen children survived him, all were married. There were 44 grandchildren.

Joseph Rhode-----Pioneer of the West-----Respected and admired by everyone in his community far and wide, who affectionately called him "Uncle Joe"-----a leader in his community as citizen and office holder-----A kind father and devoted husband.



CHAPTER V

THE DESCENDANTS

OF

JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE

(Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>)

(From 1841 to 1959)





CHILDREN OF JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE (Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>)

(Fourth Generation)

Children of Joseph Rhode (1819-1886) and his first wife  
Elizabeth (Gray) Rhode (1821-1863)

1. MARY<sup>4</sup> (1841-1880) married Lymon O. Baker. Seven children.
2. HARRIET (1842-1928) married Sam McCormick. Eight children.
3. DORA (1846-1886) married Seymour Reed. One child.
4. JOHN WESLEY (1848-49) died in infancy. Age 10 mos.
5. MARTHA (1850-1938) married Fred Loveland. Three children.
6. SEYMOUR (1852-1935) married Violet Allensworth. Six children.
7. ESTHER (1854-1938) married Robt. Hurst. Five children.
8. SARAH (1857-1937) married first Will Matthews. One child.  
second John Wright. No children.
9. CHARLES (1860-1927) married Adaline Baughman. One child.
10. ELIZABETH (1863-1936) married Simeon Barrett. No children.

Children of Joseph Rhode and his second wife  
Mrs. Mary (West) Rhode (.....1872)

11. EDITH (1866-1916) married Alva A. Failing. Three children.
12. LUCY (1868-1921) married Henry C. Stevens. Three children.

Children of Joseph Rhode and his third wife  
Mrs. Alice (Paul) (Snow) Rhode (1847-1915)

13. OLIVER GUY (1880) married Ruth Lewis. Seven children.
14. RAYMOND (1882-1939) married Edna Drury. No children.





DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE  
(1841-1959)

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3rd Generation	4th Generation	5th Generation	6th Generation	7th Generation
	Mary Rhode 1841-1880 m- Lyman Baker 1837-1921	Alonzo <sup>5</sup> Baker 1867- m- Nellie Ivory 1871-1929	No Children	
		Willis, 1868-77 Bennie 1870-81 Jessie 1875-75 Bortha 1876-78 Blanche 1879-79 Infant, d.birth	No children	
Joseph <sup>3</sup> Rhode 1819-1886  m- Eliz.Gray 1821-1863	Harriet Rhode 1842-1928 m- S.P. McCormick 1832-1906	Mary McCormick 1865-1939 m- Sam Ambler	Inez <sup>6</sup> Ambler 1904- m- R. C. Kehoe Carl M. Ambler 1896-1942 m- Leona Hume	No children  Carl <sup>7</sup> Ambler 1931- Brian Ambler 1933-
		Ira McCormick 1866-1927	Never married	
		Kate McCormick 1868-1870		
		Inez McCormick 1872-1943 m- Wm. Swart	Robt. Swart 1901-1902 Harriet Swart 1903- m- John Marsh	Marion Swart 1934- Jonathan Swart 1930-33
		Joseph McCormick 1873-1874		
		Mabel McCormick 1878-	Never married	
		Frank McCormick 1880-1901	" "	
		Fred McCormick 1884- m- M. Gilliland	Joseph McCormick 1911- m- Mary Mead	Jeff. McCormick 1946-
		Dora Rhode 1846-1886 m- Seymour Reed 1844-1915	Bessie Reed 1880-1907 m- Wm. Kear 1878	Dale Engelking 1942- Fredene Engelking 1944-
		J. Wesley Rhode 1848-1848		
	Martha Rhode 1850-1938 m- Fred Loveland	Bessie Loveland 1886- m- Robt. Peters 1882-1953-	No children	
		Bernice Loveland 1888-1939	Never married	
		Stella Loveland 1890- m- B.W. Towne 1886-1959	Mary E. Towne 1925-1954	



DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE (continued)

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3rd Generation	4th Generation	5th Generation	6th Generation	7th Generation
Joseph <sup>3</sup> Rhode & Elizabeth Gray (cont.)	Seymour <sup>4</sup> T. Rhode 1853-1935 m- Violet Allensworth --1906	Elsie <sup>5</sup> Rhode 1881-1956 m- R. E. Parker d- 1956	No children	
		Ethel Rhode 1883-1938 m- H. V. Dodd	No children	
		Joseph Rhode 1886- m- Belva Dutton	Joseph <sup>6</sup> Rhode Jr. 1915	
		John Rhode 1888-1945 m- Els Huberly 1890-1945	Marion Rhode 1917-1944	
		Edward Rhode 1892-1913	Bob Rhode 1920- m- Alvyn Howard	Michael R. Rhode 1946
		Dorothy Rhode 1896-1959 m- H.E. Edwards	Never married	
			John Edwards 1929	
			James Edwards 1935	
	Esther Rhode 1854-1938 m- Bob Hurst 1843-1921	Edith Eva Hurst 1879-1927	Never married	
		Thomas Hurst 1885- m- Mary Kooi	Mary Hurst 1922 m- Ed Amaschel	Edward Peter
			Jean Hurst 1924	
			Elaine Hurst 1926	
			Carrol Hurst 1928 (m)	
			Thomas Hurst 1931	
			Barbara Hurst 1933 (m)	3 children
		Nina Hurst 1893-1919 m- W.A. Kistler	Wm. Kistler 1912-1919	
			Donald Kistler 1914-1919	
			Florence Kistler 1917-1919	
			Thomas Kistler 1919-1919	
	Sarah Rhode 1857-1937 m- Wm. Matthews m- John Wright	Rhode Matthews 1888-1913 m- Henrietta Young 1893-1920	J. Rhode Matthews 1916- m- Cynthia Prendergast	Gary <sup>7</sup> Matthews 1942 Thomas Matthews 1945 Susan Matthews 1946
			Eleanor Matthews 1918- m- John Camenga	Judith Camenga 1940 John Camenga 1947 James Camenga 1947





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3rd Generation	4th Generation	5th Generation	6th Generation	7th Generation
Joseph <sup>3</sup> Rhode & Eliz. Gray (cont)	Charles <sup>4</sup> Rhode 1860-1927 m-Ada Baughman 1861-1941	Ellis <sup>5</sup> G. Rhode 1888 m- Fern Bowlin 1884	Patricia <sup>6</sup> Rhode 1918-1919	<del>                    </del>
			Herbert Rhode 1920- m-Helen Cossack	No children
			Genna Rhode 1923- m-Howard Yoder 1923-	Karen Yoder 1953 Susan Yoder 1954
	Eliz. Rhode 1863-1936 m-Sim Barrett --1934	No children	<del>                    </del>	<del>                    </del>
Joseph <sup>3</sup> Rhode 1819-1886 m- 2nd Mrs. Mary West --1872	Edith Rhode 1866-1916 m-A.A. Failing 1865-1949	Kim Failing 1892- m-Ruth Flickinger 1895-1946	Betty Failing 1917 m-Buss Pitman m-James Brown	No children
		Carl Failing 1896- m-Ella Brown 1 ch. m-Georgia Borg- elot	Carl Failing 1917 m-	
		Edna Failing 1894- m-R. P. Waite 1894-1955	Dorothy Waite 1922- m-Paul Saxer	Craig Saxer Susan Saxer Sherrill Saxer
			Donald Waite 1922 m-Jean Michaelly Marion Thomas 1925-1957 (2 ch.)	Christopher Waite 1952 Jonathan Waite 1955
	Lucy Rhode 1868-1921 m-Henry Stevens 1870-1950 m-2nd-1945 Martha Elder no ch.	Bernice Stevens 1895- m- Roger Bent 1891-	Barbara Bent 1924- m-Yorkie Walters Roger Bent 1928-	Nicholas Walters
		Winifred Stevens 1899 m- Wm. Cole 1894	Wm. S. Cole 1931-	
		Ray Stevens 1903 m-Julia Davis 1907	Henry Stevens 1936-	





DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE (continued)

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3rd Generation	4th Generation	5th Generation	6th Generation	7th Generation
<p>3 Joseph Rhode 1819-1886 m- 3rd Mrs. Alice Snow 1847-1915</p>	<p>Guy Rhode 1880- m- Ruth Lewis 1879</p>	<p>Doris Rhode 1905- m- Emmett Olson</p>	<p>Emmett Olson 1939- (m)</p>	<p>Gayle</p>
			<p>Donald Olson 1931- (m)</p>	<p>Clifford, David</p>
		<p>Alice Rhode 1906- m- Philip Davis</p>	<p>John Davis 1936</p>	
			<p>Peter Davis 1938</p>	
			<p>Nancy Davis 1944</p>	
			<p>Spencer Davis 1951</p>	
		<p>Agnes Rhode 1909- m- James Pryde</p>	<p>George Pryde 1938</p>	
			<p>Coralie Pryde 1940</p>	
		<p>Joe Rhode 1911- m- Mary Jenkins</p>	<p>Gordon Rhode 1943</p>	
			<p>Philip Rhode 1944</p>	
		<p>Ruth Rhode 1912 m- Bob Sinn</p>	<p>Robt. Sinn 1938 (m)</p>	<p>Lucinda</p>
			<p>Stephen Sinn 1941-</p>	
			<p>Cheryl Sinn 1944-</p>	
		<p>Guy Rhode Jr. 1915</p>		
		<p>Robt. Rhode 1916 m- Kathrena Fedrizzi</p>		
	<p>Ray Rhode 1883-1939 m- Edna Drury 1881-1956</p>	<p>No children</p>		



DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE

1. MARY<sup>4</sup> RHODE, the first child, was born near Lead Hill, Arkansas, 8 Jan. 1841, died Sidney, Iowa, 1880; married Lyman Oliver Baker, born at Cleveland, Ohio, 1837, died at Sidney, Iowa, 5 Sept. 1921.

When Mary was four years old she accompanied her parents on their overland trip from Arkansas to Indiana. When she was ten years of age, she went with her parents and three younger sisters, Harriet, Dora and Martha, on the trek by ox teams from Indiana to Tabor, Iowa, where her father, Joseph Rhode, and his two brothers homesteaded land and made their future homes.

Mary and her husband Lyman Baker were prosperous farmers on a tract of land they owned near Sidney, Iowa. Seven children were born of this union. Two of the children died at the ages of nine and eleven, and four others lived one year or less. 7 children (Baker) born at Sidney, Iowa.

- I. Alonzo<sup>5</sup> Joseph, born at Sidney, Iowa, 2 Aug. 1867, died 27 Aug. 1952; married 10 Nov. 1897 Nellie May Ivory, who was born 13 June 1871, died 4 Jan. 1929. No children.

Lon and his wife Nellie owned and operated a fine farm near Sidney, Iowa. Lon Baker was known and respected far and wide as a progressive farmer, and a pioneer citizen of his community. He was a member of Green Township Board of Trustees for 25 years. Assisted by a nephew, he continued his farming activities until his passing at 85 years of age.

II. Willis, born 1869, died 17 April 1877.

III. Bennie, born 1870, died 23 Feb. 1881.

IV. Jessie, born 1875, died 10 Oct. 1875.

V. Bertha, born 1876, died 3 July 1878.

VI. Blanche, born 1879, died 19 July 1879.

VII. Infant son, died at birth.

2. HARRIET<sup>4</sup> RHODE was born near Lead Hill, Arkansas, 6 Nov. 1842; died at Tabor, Iowa, 31 March 1928 at the age of 86; married at Glenwood, Iowa 16 Feb. 1864 to Samuel Phillip McCormick, who was born in Pennsylvania 30 Aug. 1832, died at Tabor, Iowa, 1 Sept. 1906.

When three years old Harriet accompanied her parents on the overland trek from the Ozarks in Arkansas to Indiana, and when nine years of age again went with her parents in 1851 on the trek by ox teams from Indiana to the new homestead near Tabor, Iowa, where she lived until her marriage to Sam McCormick.

In 1859 as a carpenter Sam McCormick helped build the new house near Tabor, Iowa, for his future father-in-law, Joseph Rhode. Sam McCormick was a Civil War veteran of Company A Fourth Iowa Cavalry, serving as bugler of the company. Was in prison and came home from war sick and emaciated. In 1864 Sam McCormick built the house in Tabor where he and his wife Harriet lived during their lives, and which in 1959 was still occupied by their daughter Mabel and son Fred. Sam McCormick followed the trade of carpenter and building contractor. He was an expert workman. He made the windows of the Congregational Church which still stands, and helped with the erection of Tabor College.





# DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE (cont.)

## 2. HARRIET<sup>4</sup> RHODE (cont.)

Harriet and her husband joined the Tabor Congregational Church in 1868. In 1948 the fourth generation of this family was christened in this church. After the passing of her husband in 1906 Harriet continued to live for twenty-two years in the family home at Tabor with her daughter Mabel and son Ira.

For seventy-seven years Harriet (Rhode) McCormick lived in the community of Tabor. She came overland along the dusty trails with her parents in 1851. She had seen and had a great part in the wonderful advancement of the west: from the creaking wagons drawn by ox teams to sleek automobiles gliding over paved highways. The endless prairie had become dotted with prosperous farms with cornfields, barns, gardens and tree shaded homes. Towns were built with paved streets, stores, homes, schools and churches. Harriet's husband Sam McCormick having had a large part in the planning and construction of many of the farm and city buildings. Harriet was a religious and lovable woman, respected and admired by everyone in her wide community. Seven children (McCormick) born in Tabor, Iowa.

- I. Mary<sup>5</sup> born 7 Feb. 1865, died 11 March 1939 at Sidney, Iowa; married 26 April 1893 Sam Ambler (deceased).

Family lived at Sidney, Iowa, where Sam Ambler was an M.D. engaged in the practice of medicine. Three children (Ambler) born at Sidney, Iowa.

- (1) Inez Winifred<sup>6</sup> born 1 June 1894; married R. L. Kehoe, who is agent for White Sewing Machine Co. Residence Sioux City, Iowa. No children.
- (2) Carl M. born 30 May 1896, died 30 May 1942; married 5 July 1923 Leona Hume. Carl served overseas in World War I with a brilliant record. Operated a service station and auto sales. Two children (Ambler).
  - a. Carl Dair<sup>7</sup> born 2 Feb. 1931
  - b. Brian Dean born 1933
- (3) Cecil Calvin born 21 June 1898. Served in World War II as Assistant Chaplain, at Fort Lawton, Wash. Engaged in farming and Real Estate at Tabor, Iowa. Never married.

- II. Ira, born 23 Nov. 1866, died Tabor, Iowa, 27 April 1927, age 61. Ira held responsible position as Cashier of the Tabor National Bank. Lived with his mother. He was a likable man, with a sterling character. Never married.

- III. Katie, born 8 Oct. 1868, died at Tabor, Iowa, 18 Aug. 1870.

- IV. Inez, born 10 Feb. 1872, died at Tabor, Iowa, 23 Feb. 1943; married 4 Oct. 1898 William Swart.

Inez was a friendly and likable woman; after the death of her husband she made many short visits to the relatives in various parts of the country. Two children (Swart)

- (1) Robert<sup>6</sup> born 29 June 1901, died 15 Sept. 1902.
- (2) Harriet born Tabor, Iowa, 7 Oct. 1903; married John Marsh. divorced. Harriet is an expert seed analyst, one of the top twenty in the U.S. Lived in St. Louis, Mo. Two children (Marsh):
  - a. Marion Beryl<sup>7</sup> born 20 June 1934, Ogden, Utah
  - b. Jonathan Booth, born 8 Aug. 1930, died 1933.





DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE (cont.)

2. HARRIET<sup>4</sup> RHODE (cont.)

V. Joseph, born 12 Nov. 1873; died Tabor, Iowa, 9 Feb. 1874.

VI. Mabel, born 23 May 1878.

Mabel McCormick in 1959 still living at the family residence in Tabor, built by her father in 1864, and where all the McCormick children were born. She followed the profession of teacher in the public schools for a number of years, and has been a newspaper reporter. She has been very active in community affairs and clubs; member of the Eastern Star Lodge, member and worker in the Congregational Church. Mabel's wit, personality and friendliness have made her very popular in her community as well as with Rhode descendants. Her home is a rendezvous for relatives far and near. She never married.

VII. Frank born 8 Aug. 1880; died at Council Bluffs, Ia., 7 Nov. 1901. Never married. Was employed as an electrician for Council Bluffs Light and Power Co. Was killed by a live wire on a light tower.

VIII. Fred born 1 Feb. 1884; married at Stevensville, Montana, 8 Oct. 1910 Marguerite Gilliland. Couple separated.

Fred owned and operated a confectionary and billiard parlor at Tabor, Iowa; retired and lives at the old family home with sister Mabel. One child Joseph McCormick.

(1) Joseph C.<sup>6</sup> born 8 Nov. 1911; married at Fremont, Nebraska Mary Mead.

Joseph served 5 years U.S. Army World War II in Military Police Division, in Hawaii, 18 months; was Provost Marshall at Kansas City, Rank Captain. Occupation: Police Officer, Kansas City, Secret Service Vice Investigator. Family lives in Kansas City, Missouri. 1 child (McCormick).

a. Jeff, born 1946

3. DORA<sup>4</sup> RHODE was born in Indiana in 1846, died at Weeping Water, Nebraska 18 May 1885; Married 9 Oct. 1879, Seymour A. Reed, who was born at Vienna Ohio, 11 July 1844, died at Longmont Colo. 15 Oct. 1915; son of Agustas and Serena (Hutchins) Reed. Dora and husband Seymour are buried in the Oakwood Cemetery at Weeping Water, Nebraska.

Dora accompanied her parents and three sisters, Mary, Harriet and Martha, on the trek by ox teams from Indiana to Iowa in 1851, when she was five years of age. She grew up on her father's homestead near Tabor, Iowa. She lived to be only thirty-nine years of age. She was a devoted wife and mother and was a pioneer in the early days of Nebraska.

Dora's husband Seymour Reed moved with his parents from Vienna, Ohio to Washington County, Iowa, in 1848 and then with them to Tabor, Iowa in 1858. After attending Tabor College he settled on a farm near Weeping Water, Neb. in 1871. After their marriage in 1879 Dora and her husband lived on this farm during the rest of their lives. Seymour Reed lived for thirty years after his wife Dora passed away; he never remarried. Both were members of the Congregational Church, Seymour Reed uniting when the old stone church at Tabor was dedicated in 1871. One child, Bessie S. Reed.





# DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE (cont.)

- I. Bessie S.<sup>5</sup> born at Weeping Water, Neb. 18 Sept. 1880; died at Weeping Water, Neb. 12 May 1907; married 23 Dec. 1903, William Melville Kear, who was born at Avoca, Neb. 10 April 1878, son of James W. and Ellen (Lehmkuhl) Kear. One child first marriage. William Kear married second time, 1 Jan. 1921 to Julia Odell, who was born at Wahoo, Neb. and died 8 Oct. 1944.

Wm. Kear lived in Lincoln, Neb. where he was engaged in carpenter work. Bessie S. (Reed) Kear graduated from Weeping Water Academy in 1901. She passed away in 1907 at the birth of her daughter, Dora Ellen Kear.

- (1) Dora Ellen<sup>6</sup> born at Weeping Water, Neb. 7 May 1907, married 29 Nov. 1930, Fred Engelking, born at Elmwood, Neb. 16 Feb. 1903, son of Chris and Catherine (Hartman) Engelking.

Dora Ellen was raised by her grandmother, Ellen Lehmkuhl. She graduated Elmwood High School 1926 and attended University summer school. She is a member of Methodist Church and Rebecca Lodge. Her husband is a member of the Christian Church and Odd Fellows Lodge. After their marriage Fred Engelking and his wife Dora purchased a farm from his parents, which is located near Elmwood, Neb. Children (Engelking) born at Lincoln, Neb.

- a. Dale Duane<sup>7</sup> born 30 July 1942.
- b. Fredene Elaine born 25 Nov. 1944.

4. JOHN WESLEY<sup>4</sup> born in Indiana in 1848. Lived about one year. Buried in Rhode family plot near Attica, Indiana.

5. MARTHA<sup>4</sup> RHODE was born 6 Jan. 1850 in Indiana, died at Glendale, Calif. 10 April 1938, at the age of 88; married at Tabor, Iowa, 1884, Fred Loveland, a widower with two children, Inez and Nellie. Fred Loveland was born in Ohio 14 Jan. 1832, died at Riverside, Calif. 5 July 1906, at age 74.

Martha, along with her sisters Mary, Harriet and Dora, accompanied their parents on the trek from Indiana to Iowa in 1851. In her girlhood "Mattie" as she was called, was noted for her horsemanship, winning a gold medal for riding at the County Fair, on the sidesaddle as was the custom then. She was one of the first business women in Tabor, Iowa, as proprietor of a millinery shop. She attended Tabor College.

Martha and her husband moved to California in 1887, where they purchased and settled on a large tract of dry farming land near Winchester, SW of Los Angeles, where they drilled wells for irrigation and set out orchards. It was pioneer life at the ranch, as it was a day's drive to the trading center at San Jacinto and return.

Martha's youngest sister Bessie came to live with them at Winchester when she was about 20 years old. In 1900 the Loveland family moved to Riverside, Calif. where Fred Loveland operated a fuel and feed store. He was a close personal friend of Frank Miller, who built the famous Mission Inn at Riverside. Fred Loveland was one of the first supervisors of Riverside County. He enjoyed wide contacts with leaders and citizens of his community, through his business and as a county officer. He had a friendly personality and a fine personal appearance. He wore a full luxurious beard.

Martha passed away at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Bessie and Bob Peters, with whom she made her home in later years. She lived to be 88, the oldest of all her brothers and sisters. She never had a memory of a sick day in her life. She had a wide variety of interests and many friends. Three children (Loveland)





DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> RHODE (cont.)

- I. Bessie Lucile<sup>5</sup> born 11 May 1886 at Riverton, Ia.; married at Riverside, Calif. 23 July 1907 Robert L. Peters, born 4 Apr. 1882 at Lexington, Mass; died 10 Feb. 1953.

For 45 years Bessie was employed in Riverside and Los Angeles by Security Title and Insurance Co., holding important positions in this large company. Robert Peters was purchasing agent with this company for 25 years. He was a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner. Both members of Congregational Church. No children. Bessie married (2nd) 28 Oct. 1955 Lester Peters, a brother of Robert Peters. Residence 3218 Vickers Drive, Glendale, Calif.

- II. Edith Bernice, born 16 May 1888 at Winchester, Calif. died 24 Feb. 1939 at Glendale, Calif. Bernice was a Librarian at Riverside, Univ. of Southern Calif. and Sierra Power Co. Never married.

- III. Stella Marguerite, born 23 March 1890 at Winchester, Calif., married at Berkeley, Calif. 26 July 1923, B.W. Towne, born at Battle Creek, Iowa 7 June 1886; died 9 Aug. 1959. He was Statistical Analyst for Pacific Telephone Co. Stella graduated L. A. State Normal and Art Dept. State Teachers College. Was art teacher for 11 years at Riverside, Imperial and Long Beach, Calif.. Reside at 1310 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, Calif. One child.

- (1) Mary Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> born 27 Jan. 1925, Berkeley, Calif., died 17 Feb. 1954. Graduated Univ. Calif. 1947 Phi Beta Kappa honors. Was an accomplished pianist. Was employed as Interior Decorator.

6. SEYMOUR<sup>4</sup> T. RHODE was born 23 June 1852 near Tabor, Iowa; died 10 May 1935, buried at Randolph, Iowa; married 24 Oct. 1880, Violet Allensworth, who died 6 April 1906.

Seymour was the first child to be born in the log cabin on the Rhode homestead near Tabor, Iowa. His parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Rhode, with their four small children, having made the trip overland from Indiana to Iowa the previous summer. He attended the Rhode country school nearby. Game was plentiful and as a young man, he and his younger brother Charles, spent much of their spare time in providing game for the family table.

He made two trips to visit the relatives, at the first Rhode settlement in Indiana; first in 1870 as a young man of 18, and later in 1910. He had a great interest in family history and wrote long letters, which have been quoted from in this history. He copied dates from the tombstones in the family graveyard in Indiana. His father's old family Bible was turned over to him.

After farming for a few years on the home farm, Seymour went to Tabor, where he was in partnership in a drug store. He then worked in a hardware and grocery store. In 1878 he moved to Randolph, Iowa, a town opened up near Tabor, on a new railroad from Hastings to Sidney, where he started a hardware and implement business. Later he added grain and coal. When automobiles were first offered to the public, he took the agency for the Overland car.

He was a forward looking, progressive citizen. Every community enterprise found in him a most enthusiastic supporter. He served for years on the Randolph School Board and was instrumental in establishing Consolidated Schools. He was a charter member of Crown Masonic Lodge of Randolph, his membership dating back more than fifty years. He was





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a pioneer citizen of this community. He had a wide acquaintance in southwest Iowa, and was held in esteem by his large circle of friends. He lived to be nearly 83 years of age. There were six children (Rhode) born at Randolph, Iowa.

I. Elsie<sup>5</sup> born 20 Nov. 1881, died 30 Aug. 1956, married at Randolph, Iowa 22 March 1922, Roy E. Parker, born 26 Feb. 1882, died 22 Jan. 1956. Elsie and her husband lived on Wildwood Farm, Malvern, Iowa, which is near Randolph. They carried on general farming operations, including the raising of registered Percheron horses, Shorthorn cattle, pureblood Leghorn chickens and turkeys. No children.

II. Ethel<sup>5</sup> born 5 July 1883, died 24 Dec. 1938, at Randolph, Iowa; married at Tabor, Iowa, 15 March 1923, H. V. Dodd.

Ethel and her husband resided in the old home place in Randolph. Her husband engaged in farming activities. Ethel was very active in church and Red Cross activities in Randolph. She was a prominent southwest Iowa club woman. She served a term as Mayor of Randolph. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Children, none.

III. Joseph, born 6 Aug. 1886; married Belva Dutton. Divorced. Joseph was employed by the Edison Telephone Co., Fowlerville, Mich. One child, Joseph Jr. Rhode.

(1) Joseph Jr., born 25 Jan. 1915 at Oklahoma City, Okla. In World War II served in U. S. Naval Reserves, April 1943 to Jan. 1946 as Pharmacists Mate, 3/C; then Clerk in Salvage Office, Briggs Mfg. Co., Detroit, Mich.

IV. John, born 22 March 1888, died 28 Mar. 1951, Kent, Wash; married at Nebraska City, Neb. 15 July 1915 Els Huberly, born 5 Aug. 1890, died 25 Jan. 1945 at Auburn, Wash.

Since about 1916 John was engaged in auto repair work near Seattle, Wash. In 1947-51 he was traveling over the state, having charge of maintenance of equipment, of the Washington Asphalt Co., a large paving concern. Lived at Kent Wash. Two children (Rhode) born at Auburn, Wash. Member Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree Mason & Shriner. Married (2nd) 30 Sept. 1949 Nina \_\_\_\_\_. No children.

(1) Marion Jane<sup>6</sup> born 25 Sept. 1917, died 13 Sept. 1944.

(2) Robert, born 3 Nov. 1920; married at Auburn, Wash. 6 Apr. 1945, Alvyna Howard, born North Dakota 30 Nov. 1920.

Robert served four years in the Army in World War II in the Infantry, first at Guadalcanal, and following through to Japan. In 1959 was living with family at Kent, Wash. Occupation, construction work. 1 child, Michael Robert, born 25 Apr. 1946.

V. Edward, born 28 June 1892, died 13 Aug. 1913, at age of 21, from an accidental pitchfork wound.

VI. Dorothy, born 22 Sept. 1896; died 24 June 1959; buried Randolph, Ia. married at Randolph, Ia. H. C. Edwards.

Dorothy's husband H. C. Edwards, is a Mechanical Engineer, graduating from the University of Nebraska. He was in charge of Research and Development, with the Timken Bearing Co., Canton, O. Lived on Cherryland Farm, RFD 10, Canal, Fulton, Ohio. Two children (Edwards)





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- (1) John Edwards<sup>6</sup> born 7 Sept. 1929. Graduated engineering Purdue Agricultural College. Occupation, farming, Parker Farm, Malvern, Ia.
- (2) James Rhode, born 26 April, 1935. Graduated in Engineering Purdue Agricultural College. Employed in Mechanical Engineering Cleveland, Ohio.

7. <sup>4</sup> ESTHER RHODE was born 16 August 1854 in the log cabin on the Joseph Rhode homestead near Tabor, Iowa; died at Long Beach, Calif. 27 May 1938 at the age of 84; married 21 Dec. 1876 Robert Hurst, who was born 28 Oct. 1843 and died 19 May 1921 at Long Beach, Calif.

Bob Hurst was a widower who had a son, Grant Hurst, by his first marriage, who lives in Long Beach, Calif. Esther or "Hettie" as she was called, lived with her husband and family on a farm they owned in south-west Iowa. Later they retired and moved to Long Beach for the benefit of Hettie's asthma.

It has been said that a happier couple never lived. After the death of her husband Bob Hurst in 1921, Hettie made her home with her daughter Edith Eva, who was employed in the Long Beach schools. Four children (Hurst)

I. Edith Eva<sup>5</sup> born 29 June 1879; died at Long Beach, Calif. 26 July 1927.

Eva Hurst was an Elementary Teacher and Counsellor in the Long Beach Public Schools. She never married.

II. Thomas Joseph, born 10 March 1885, married 22 June 1921 Vera May Kool. Tom Hurst and family live at 510 S. Jefferson St., Sheridan, Wyo. where for a number of years he operated a clothing business and in later years an insurance business. Six children (Hurst)

(1) Mary<sup>6</sup> born 6 June 1927. Attended Wyo. Univ. married Edw. Amschel. residence Hemet, Calif., where he is an attorney. 3 children (Amschel)

a. Edward, born 31 Mar. 1944

b. Peter, born 16 Aug. 1945

c. -

(2) Jean, born 13 Sept. 1924, grad. N.W. Univ; teacher in Illinois.

(3) Elaine, born 5 June 1926, grad. Univ. Wyo.; training for teaching

(4) Carol, born 9 Feb. 1928, grad. N.W. Univ., married Richard McGlothlin, who is teaching in Long Beach, Calif.

(5) Thomas, born 9 Feb. 1931, attended Univ. Wyo.

(6) Barbara, born 22 June 1933, married Dewey McConnell, who is a milk farmer, Laramie, Wyo. 3 children.

III. Robert Burton, born 27 March 1891, died 3 March 1900.

IV. Nina Ester born 26 Nov. 1893, died 3 July 1919; married at Longmont, Colo. 2 Aug. 1911, William A. Kistler.

On the night of 3 July 1919 Nina (Hurst) Kistler and 4 children were caught in a cloudburst, Pawnee Creek, Sterling, Colo., and all were drowned. Four children (Kistler)

(1) William<sup>6</sup> Robert born 28 June 1912, died 3 July 1919

(2) Donald Arthur, born 16 May 1914, died 3 July 1919

(3) Florence Esther, born 21 Mar. 1917 died 3 July 1919

(4) Thomas Franklin, born 24 Jan. 1919 died 3 July 1919





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3. SARAH<sup>4</sup> RHODE, born 1857 in the log cabin on the Rhode homestead near Tabor, Iowa; died at Sheridan Wyoming 7 June 1937; married (1st) Will<sup>1</sup>. Matthews, (2nd) John Wright.

Sarah's first husband was a practicing physician in Longmont, Colo. To this union a son Rhode was born with only one arm, but who was outstanding in personality and temperament. After the death of Will Matthews, Sarah married a second time to John Wright, a retired engineer of Lyons, Colo. who only lived one year. There were no children second marriage.

Shortly after the death of her son Rhode in 1918, Sarah went to keep house and assist in running an auto camp for her cousin Dave Rhode at Gardiner, Montana, the northern entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Dave Rhode was the son of Daniel<sup>2</sup> Rhode, who was a brother of Joseph<sup>3</sup> Rhode. Dave Rhode located in the park in 1882 and was a guide and big game hunter. For years he was rated the leading guide of Montana on the basis of game bagged by his guests. He died in 1935 at the age of 87 after 50 years service in Yellowstone Park. Many relatives visited Uncle Dave and Aunt Sade at Yellowstone Park.

Aunt Sade, as she was known, was a remarkable woman in personality, conversation and accomplishment. She had many and varied interests. Among other things she painted excellent pictures of the out of doors. At an advanced age she took a long airplane trip, when plane travel was an adventure. She was an accomplished musician, playing both violin and piano. One child, Rhode Matthews, first marriage.

- I. Rhode<sup>5</sup> born 14 Oct. 1885, at Hamburg, Iowa, died at Taos, N. M. 7 Nov. 1918; married at Questa, N. M. April 1915, Henrietta Young, born 28 Jan. 1893, died 30 April 1920.

Rhode Matthews lived for a time at Questa, N. M. near the north border of the state, where he was married, and his two children were born. Later he moved to nearby Taos, the old Indian-Spanish American town discovered by the Spanish explorer Coronado in 1540. Thousands of tourists visit Taos annually to see the Taos Indians in their colorful costumes, and visit their apartment dwellings. Rhode Matthews was the Postmaster at Taos, N. M. and was also engaged in the cattle business. His warm personality and friendly disposition gave him a wide and close acquaintance with the Indians, Spanish and Americans in this colorful and historic region. Two children (Matthews)

- (1) J. Rhode<sup>6</sup> born 1 Sept. 1916 at Questa, N. M. married at Brighton Colo. 10 July 1940, Cynthia Prendergast. Occupation salesman for Curtis Candy Co., Brighton, Colo. 3 children (Matthews)
  - a. Gary<sup>7</sup> Joe born 6 Aug. 1942
  - b. Thomas J born 4 Apr. 1945
  - c. Susan born 29 Oct. 1946
- (2) Eleanore J. born 24 Jan. 1918 at Questa, N. M. married at Platteville, Colo. 3 Sept. 1939, John H. Camenga, who in World War II was a sergeant in the U. S. Army with service in Saipan and Guam. His occupation, Postal Clerk in the Fort Lupton Post Office. Children (Camenga)
  - a. Judith L. born 26 July 1940
  - b. John W. ) Twins born 22 July 1947
  - c. James R. )





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9. CHARLES HAMILTON<sup>4</sup> RHODE, was born at Tabor, Iowa, 31 Oct. 1860, died at Los Gatos, Calif. 5 March 1927; married at Griswold, Iowa, 16 Aug. 1887 Adaline M. Baughman, who was born at Griswold, Iowa 23 July 1861, died at Los Gatos, Calif. 2 July 1941; daughter of Wm. and Johanna Baughman. Charles Rhode and wife Adaline buried in Los Gatos, Calif. cemetery.

Charles was the first child born in the new house that took the place of the log cabin on the Joseph Rhode farm. His mother Elizabeth Rhode passed away when he was three and a half years old. He always said that his older sister Martha was mother to him. Charles attended the Rhode country school with his sisters, brother and cousins. He and his older brother Seym spent much of their spare time hunting the wild game that abounded in those days. He attended Tabor College in about 1880-82, and was a charter member of the Phi Delta Literary Society. In about 1884 Charles went to western Kansas, near Garden City, where he entered 480 acres of prairie land under homestead laws, and engaged in sheep raising.

In 1887 he returned to Iowa to marry Adaline Baughman, whom he met at Tabor College. Her parents had trekked overland from Pennsylvania to Griswold, Iowa in 1855, where they were among the first settlers to homestead the prairie land. Her father Wm. Baughman was chosen as a member of the Iowa Legislature in 1882. (Charles' father, Joseph Rhode, had served in this same body four years before). Ada was the first school teacher in the vicinity, riding her pony across the open prairie to her school. After his marriage Charles returned to his sheep ranch in Kansas with his bride. The couple lived in a sod house that Charles had built. Buffalo chips were used for fuel.

The financial depression following the election of Grover Cleveland in 1885 made sheep raising unprofitable, so Charles sold out in Kansas and returned to Iowa in 1889, with his wife and one year old son Ellis, where he purchased a 160 acre farm two miles north of Cumberland in Cass County, Iowa. This land was farmed by Charles and his wife for 28 years. He was known as a progressive farmer, contributed articles to farm journals, and grew the first alfalfa in the county. His farm crops were mainly corn, oats and hay; stock raising, hogs, feeding cattle, bred registered Shire horses, and was a prominent and extensive breeder of pureblood Shorthorn cattle. He improved farm, erecting farm buildings, commodious house, planted large orchard, evergreen windbreaks and built a fishpond that was a swimming hole for boys many miles around. Charles was known as a "Jack of all trades" because of his ability as a carpenter, bricklayer, pipefitter, blacksmith, etc. He devised many improvements on farm equipment. He took an active part in community affairs and was instrumental in the organization of the Cumberland Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. and for years was its manager. In 1918 he rented the farm and engaged in truck farming in Florida with his son Ellis, selling this land after two years.

In 1920 Charles Rhode and his wife Ada sold the Iowa farm, and retired to Los Gatos, Calif., a town in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains about 40 miles south of San Francisco, where they built a home. They were both members of the Methodist Church, and took an active part in church and community affairs. Charles was a good violinist and singer and had a great love for music. He was a man of clean habits and exemplary character, had a friendly personality, and possessed a keen sense of humor. After Charles' death, Ada lived in her Los Gatos home for 15 years, continuing her activities and friendships they had shared together. Her two sisters, also her son, lived in nearby towns. She lived to be nearly 80 years of age. Children: 1 child (Rhode)





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- I. Ellis Gray<sup>5</sup> Rhode, the only child, was born in a sod house near Garden City, western Kansas, 23 Aug. 1888, married at Seattle, Wash. 8 June 1912, Fern Bowlin, born at Harlan, Ia, 22 May 1884. She was a daughter of Wm. and Mary Bowlin. Wm. Bowlin was a Civil War Veteran serving as Aide to General Grant.

Fern Bowlin graduated from Simpson College, Iowa, 1906, taught English in Iowa High Schools; member of the Eastern Star.

Ellis grew up on father's farm near Cumberland, Ia., graduated Simpson College, Ia. 1911 (A.B.) Stanford University, Calif. 1929 (A.M.). Coached athletics and taught chemistry and physics Chinook H.S. Montana, 1911; Monroe H.S., Washington, 1912-13; Olympia Washington H.S. 1914-1917; farming in Florida, Steamfitter in Olympia, Wash. shipyards, Supt. of Schools Monore, Wash. 1922-28. No. Calif. Supervisor Adult Education State Dept. of Education 1934-1942; World War II Civilian Training Film Director various Army Camps Pacific Coast; Instructor Audio-Visual Education, San Francisco State College 1948-51. Member Masonic Lodge; Past President and Honorary Life member Oakland Camera Club. Author, Audio-Visual Lab Manual and Projectionists' Handbook; compiled Rhode History. Hobbies: Camping, hunting, fishing, photography.

Both members Methodist Church, residence 126 Windsor Ave., Berkeley, Calif. Children: three (Rhode)

- (1) Patricia Jane, born Olympia, Wash. 10 Sept. 1918, died 13 March 1919; buried Olympia, Wash.
- (2) Herbert Gray, born Olympia, Wash. 10 Nov. 1920; married 9 Dec. 1950 Helen Cossack. Her occupation was bank teller. Herbert attended College of Pacific, graduated San Francisco Junior College. World War II, 1st Lt. Co-Pilot B 29 Bomber with 24 missions over Japan, awarded Distinguished Flying Cross and Presidential Citation. In 1950 re-enlisted Air Force, assignment Airport Installations Engineer, rank Captain. In 1957 attended Airforce Institute of Technology, Dayton, O. Assigned to duty in England 1958. Children, none.
- (3) Genna Mae, born Seattle, Wash. 25 Nov. 1923, married 27 Sept. 1946, Howard Yoder, born at Shawnee Okla. 27 July 1923. Genna graduated San Jose State College, Calif. 1945, graduate study Dietetics Univ. of Minnesota; Asst. Mgr. Stevens Union Cafeteria, Univ. of Calif.; Mgr. Tea Room Mills College, Cal. 1948-51.

Howard served in World War II as Electrician on Destroyer Escort, graduated Armstrong's Business College; occupation District Sales Manager, Foam Rubber Dept. Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. Residence 15852 Via Toledo, San Lorenzo, Calif. Both members Methodist Church. Children, two (Yoder)

- a. Keren Louise born 11 Jan. 1953
- b. Susan Marie born 22 Oct. 1954

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10. ELIZABETH ALICE RHODE born at Tabor, Iowa, in 1863, died at Los Angeles Calif. Feb. 1936; married in 1897 Simeon Barrett, who died in 1934.

Elizabeth was the tenth and last child born to Joseph Rhode and his first wife Elizabeth (Gray) Rhode. At her birth her mother passed away from blood poisoning. Elizabeth or Bessie, as she was called, attended Tabor College and was a member of the Phi Delta Literary Society there. When Bessie was about twenty five years of age she went to live with her sister Martha and husband Fred Loveland on their ranch at Winchester California.





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Bessie was employed as Matron at the State Mental Hospital at Patton, near Redlands, California, where she met and later married the engineer of this institution, Simeon Barrett. Later they moved to Los Angeles, where Sim Barrett was employed as engineer for the Edison Electric Co. In about 1900 they purchased a tract of land in Los Angeles, near Wilshire Blvd., where Sim Barrett later erected and sold a number of houses.

Bessie was known for her wonderful Domestic Art work. There were no children born of this union.

Both are buried in Inglewood Cemetery, Inglewood, California.

11. EDITH ANNA<sup>4</sup> RHODE, the first child of Joseph<sup>3</sup> Rhode's second marriage, was born at Tabor, Iowa, 30 Nov. 1886, died at York, Neb. 19 Dec. 1916, married Tabor, Ia., 18 Sept. 1889 Alva A. Failing, born Illinois 18 July 1865, died Pomona, Calif. 30 Dec. 1949. Alva married (2nd) Mattis Sisson.

Edith attended Tabor College, Iowa. Edith and Alva Failing lived in Tabor until 1900 when they moved to Kearney, Neb. for 5 years. In 1905 they moved to York, Neb. where he operated an ice business, and later a grocery store for many years. He was a member of Masonic Lodge. Both were members of Presbyterian Church. In his later years Alva retired to Pomona, Calif. Three children first marriage (Failing).

- I. J. Kimball<sup>5</sup> was born at Randolph, Ia. 9 Mar. 1892, married 6 Sept. 1916 Ruth Flickinger, who was born Stockton, Neb. 3 Apr. 1895, died 8 Aug. 1946. J. Kimball in sign business David City, Neb. 1916-19 then 5 years Lincoln Neb. In 1925 moved to Beatrice, Neb. where he is a partner in sign and outdoor advertising firm. His hobby is oil painting, his pictures having been in display with artists from University of Nebraska. One child (Failing)

- (1) Betty<sup>6</sup> born 1917 David City, Neb. married (1st) Bus Pittman, a wheat farmer; married (2nd) James Brown in Cheyenne, Wyo. They live in Beatrice, Neb. During World War II Betty was employed in Civil Service Secretarial work in Washington, D.C. No children.

- II. Edna, born at Tabor, Ia. 29 May 1894, married at Ogden, Utah 10 July 1918 Rae P. Waite, born Minden, Neb. 8 Jan. 1894, died June 1955.

Edna attended York College, Nebraska, taught in public schools, member D.A.R. and Women's Rotary. Rae studied Engineering, Univ. of Nebraska, member of Masonic Lodge and Rotary Club. He was president and partner of Southwest Co., an air conditioning firm of Dallas, Texas, which was sold in 1948, and he went into Industrial Engineering at Bryn Mawr, Pa. Both members of Presbyterian Church. Two children (Waite)

- (1) Dorothy Edith, born at Salt Lake City, Utah, 4 Feb. 1920, married 13 Oct. 1920, Lewis Paul Saxer, a Chemist. They live at 8 Northwoods Rd., Radner, Pa. Children, three (Saxer)  
a. Craig Sanford, born 26 Feb. 1947  
b. Susan Carole, born 3 Jan. 1950  
c. Sherill Ann, born 1 Mar. 1956  
(2) Donald McClure, born 8 Nov. 1920, Los Angeles, Calif. graduated Franklin Marshall College, Pa. Married Marylyn Tohms, born 9 June 1925, died 16 Aug. 1957.

Donald 1st Lt. Marine Corps World War II. Capt. in Korean War. Occupation, chemist. Children, two (Waite)

- a. Christopher Tohms, born 16 July 1953

- b. Jonathan Rae born 16 Nov. 1955

Married (2nd) Molly Brady, born 19 July 1929; married 25 July '59.





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III. Carl, born 27 Feb. 1896, Tabor, Ia., married (1st) Ella Brown, deceased; married (2nd) Georgia Borgelas. Carl has been engaged in the automobile repair business in York, Neb. since 1920. One child, first marriage (Failing).

(1) Carl Paul, born 2 May 1917, married. Since 1937 his occupation Pharmacist in U. S. Navy.

12. LUCY ADELA<sup>4</sup> RHODE, second child of Joseph<sup>3</sup> (second marriage) born at Tabor, Iowa, 4 Dec. 1868, died Sheridan, Wyoming, 15th Sept. 1921; married at Longmont, Colo. 8 March 1894, Henry C. Stevens, born at Montfort, Wis. 31 Oct. 1870, died 7 Jan. 1950). Henry Stevens married second time 1945 to Martha Eder of Molokai, Hawaii.

Lucy and her husband, Henry Stevens, went to Sheridan, Wyo. in 1895, where they lived thereafter. Both were members of the Methodist Church. Lucy belonged to the Eastern Star Lodge. Both Lucy and her husband had a wide circle of friends, and were prominent and influential in church, social and community affairs of Sheridan.

Henry Stevens was a member of Masonic Lodge #8 of Sheridan, was master of this Lodge in 1923. He belonged to Khalif Temple Shrine of Sheridan. was Potentate in 1930. He was the senior partner in the New York Store which is Wyoming's largest Department Store. He was a partner with Guy Rhode in the "Lazy Thirteen" cattle ranch at Ranchester. He was a director of the First National Bank of Sheridan. He was a partner in the Boyd and Stevens livestock and ranching on Crow reservation in Montana.

Children, three (1st marriage) born at Sheridan, Wyo. (Stevens)

- I. Bernice<sup>5</sup> born 28 July 1895, married Roger K. Bent, born 1891. He is a veteran of World War I. Lives at Story, Wyo. 2 children (Bent)
  - (1) Barbara Ann<sup>6</sup> born 1 June 1924; married Yorkie Walters, who served in World War II. 1 child, Nicholas. (Walters)
  - (2) Roger, Jr. born 20 March 1928.

II. Winifred, born 6 Dec. 1899, married Wm. K. Cole, born 1894. He is a veteran of World War I. He is manager of Flour Mills, Sheridan Wyo. One child (Cole), Wm. S. born 17 Nov. 1931.

III. Raymond, born 17 Oct. 1903, married Julia Davis, born in 1907. His occupation credit manager Sheridan New York Store. One child (Stevens)

- (1) Henry, born 26 June 1936

13. OLIVER GUY<sup>4</sup> RHODE, first child of 3rd marriage of Joseph<sup>3</sup> Rhode, born 9 Nov. 1880 near Tabor, Iowa; married at Sheridan, Wyo. 29 May 1904 Ruth Lewis, who was born 7 Oct. 1879.

In 1903 Guy Rhode, and his half brother Herschel Snow, purchased together a 360 acre ranch on the Tongue River of Indian War fame, about one half mile from the small town of Ranchester, near the northern border of Wyoming. Twenty miles to the south is the city of Sheridan, and about fifty miles to the north is the Custer Battlefield, and National Cemetery where in 1876 General Custer with his 203 soldiers were massacred by Chief Sitting Bull and his 6000 Sioux warriors. Later Herschel Snow sold his interest in the ranch to Henry Stevens, Guy's brother-in-law, who was engaged in mercantile business in Sheridan.

One year after the purchase of the ranch Guy Rhode and Ruth Lewis were married. A log and frame house was their home for the first nineteen years, when a new home was built on the Tongue River. The Rhode Ranch is named the "Lazy Thirteen." From year to year the ranch has





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been improved, and it is under irrigation. In addition to general farming, the main occupation was cattle raising; taking the cattle to the Big Horn Mountains for summer grazing and feeding them on the home ranch during the winter. Orchards and garden supplied abundant fruit and vegetables. From nearby mountains and streams trout and venison in season were always a part of good family living. For 44 years they operated this ranch.

Guy Sr. and his wife Ruth have always led a full and busy life, with ranch work, riding the range, raising a family of seven children (in 1958 proud grandparents of thirteen grandchildren) yet still finding time to take an active part in community life. Both belong to the Community Church, take part in Literary Society, and home talent plays. Guy has always loved music and has been a member of a male quartette accompanied by his wife, and he has played slide trombone in community band meeting at various homes for practice followed by square dances.

Guy has lived to be the last surviving child of Joseph Rhode. As pioneers of northern Wyoming, they are widely known and highly respected as parents of a fine family, as good neighbors, successful ranchers and community upbuilders. Late in 1947 Guy Rhode sold his half interest in the "Lazy Thirteen Ranch" and moved to nearby Dayton, Wyo. Children seven (Rhode) born in Ranchester, Wyo.

- I. Doris Fay<sup>5</sup> born 15 March 1905, married 22 Jan. 1929 Emmett Olson. During World War II Emmett Olson was an electrician on a submarine chaser, until injured and invalided home. His occupation is electrician at Monarch, Wyo. Two children (Olson)
  - (1) Emmett Bartlett<sup>6</sup> born 20 Dec. 1929, married Arlene \_\_\_\_\_  
1 child, Gayle, born 1958.
  - (2) Donald E., born 10 June 1931, married Maurine \_\_\_\_\_, 2 children Clifford & David.
- II. Alice Lee, born 23 Aug. 1906, married 31 Dec. 1933, Philip Davis. Occupation of Philip Davis, chemist for Burlington Railroad. Family resides in Ranchester, Wyo. 4 children (Davis)
  - (1) John Philip<sup>6</sup> born 1936
  - (2) Peter Rhode born 1938
  - (3) Nancy Lee born 1944
  - (4) Spencer Scott born 1951
- III. Agnes Louise born 2 Oct. 1909, married James Pryde, who is a mine supply agent at Stansbury, Wyo. Children (Pryde)
  - (1) George Roderick<sup>6</sup> born 1938
  - (2) Coralie Anne born 1940
- IV. Joe Lewis, born 13 Feb. 1911, married 15 Dec. 1941, Mary Elizabeth Jenkins.

Joe Lewis Rhode resides with family at Dayton, Wyo. which is a few miles from Ranchester. He is engaged in cattle raising. Children 2 (Rhode)<sup>6</sup>

  - (1) Gordon Parker<sup>6</sup> born 1943
  - (2) Philip Edwin born 1944





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- V. Ruth Claire born 23 Aug. 1912, married 17 Dec. 1932, Bob Sinn. In World War II Bob Sinn was a dentist with the Army Air Forces, served in England and went with the invasion forces in Europe until the end of the war with the rank of Captain. Promoted to Major before the end of his terminal leave. Present occupation dentist at Fairplay, Colo. Children (Sinn) 3.  
(1) Robert Edward born 1938, married, daughter Lorinda, born 1957.  
(2) Stephen Ray born 1941  
(3) Cheryl born 1944

- VI. Guy Junior, born 17 June 1915.  
Guy Jr. had taken over the active work on the "Lazy Thirteen Ranch" near Ranchester, Wyo. until his father sold out late in 1947. Occupation, operates cabinet shop at Ranchester.

- VII. Robert Bartlett, born 24 Oct. 1916; married 31 Oct. 1946 Katharena Fedrizzi, born in Rock Springs, Wyo. and whose parents were born in the Tyrol Mountains between Austria and Italy.  
Robert enlisted in the Army in 1942. Graduated at Officers School Camp Davis. With Coast Artillery 18 months in Alaska, then to Pentagon Bldg., Washington, D.C. in Military Intelligence. Hold rank of Captain. Robert Rhode is editor of newspaper in Rock Springs Wyoming.

14. RAYMOND<sup>4</sup> PAUL RHODE, second child of 3rd marriage of Joseph<sup>3</sup> Rhode was born near Tabor, Iowa, 4 Oct. 1882, died 18 Jan. 1939; married at Monticello, Iowa, 5 Jan. 1911 Edna Drury, who was born at DeSoto, Ia. 1 Dec. 1881; died 23 Feb. 1956.

Ray was the fourteenth and last child of Joseph Rhode. He was born on the old Joseph Rhode homestead near Tabor. He attended the Rhode rural school. After completing High School and Academy work he started farming.

Ray's wife Edna was an ideal helpmate; she was not only interested in the farm work and her duties as housekeeper, but took an active part in community affairs with her husband. She was a member of P.E.O. Edna had been a member of the Tabor Eastern Star Lodge for 56 years, serving as Matron twice. Her mother was born in Scotland, and crossed the plains in early days to Utah. Her father was a veteran of the Civil War. For 47 years he was engaged in railroad work as Road Master. He was one of the bosses of construction on the building of the railroad from Council Bluffs to Red Oak, Iowa.

Ray and his wife farmed the old Joseph Rhode homestead until about 1933, when they bought a farm of their own nearby. Their companionship was shared for 28 years until Ray's sudden death by heart failure in 1939. No children were born of this union.

At one time Ray Rhode was a member of the Tabor City Council. He was a member of the "Knights of Pythias" and one of the few in the vicinity receiving a "25 year" pin. He was a member of the Masonic and Eastern Star Lodges of Tabor.

Quotation from the Tabor Beacon April 1939: "Ray Rhode had a large circle of friends. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. As a member of one of the earliest pioneer families of this community, his acquaintance and kinship included a large group. His friendly disposition and willingness to share the neighborhood tasks, his kind heart, won him many friends. The large attendance at the funeral, gave evidence of the high regard in which he was held."





## CHAPTER VI

### THE GRAY FAMILY



# THE GRAY FAMILY

## Foreword

In the first four generations of the various branches of the Rhode family in America, there are many instances where they have intermarried with three other families: namely, Gray, McCord and Cobb. So far as known a history has not been written of the McCord and Cobb families.

The history of the Gray family has become a matter of record, largely because William<sup>1</sup> Gray served in the Revolutionary War. The descendants of Joseph<sup>3</sup> Rhode (Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) are interested in the Gray family history for the reason that his first wife, Elizabeth (Gray) Rhode was a granddaughter of William<sup>1</sup> Gray.

## WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> GRAY (1745-1780)

### (First Generation)

William<sup>1</sup> Gray was born in England in 1745. He came to America in about 1760 when he was 15 years of age. He married in about 1765, Lydia-- (whose last name is thought to be Seymour)-- who was born in 1747 and died in 1810. William Gray and his family lived in Burke County, North Carolina, which is near the border of South Carolina. There were four children born, three boys and one girl. Only one of the names of the children is known, and that is John. William Gray was a farmer or plantation owner and owned slaves, who worked on his plantation, as was the custom in those days.

William Gray fought in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in 1777 as a private in the First North Carolina Regiment under Col. Thomas Clark. William Gray was killed in the battle of Kings Mountain, fought at Charlotte, South Carolina, 17 Oct. 1780, between 1100 British and 1000 American soldiers or "Backwoodsmen" as they were called. The British losses were 250 killed and 664 taken prisoner. The American losses were 28 killed and 60 wounded.

The following is the story of the battle of Kings<sup>5</sup> Mountain, as told by a grandson, William<sup>3</sup> Gray, to his grandchildren, Lilly<sup>5</sup> Wattles and her brothers and sisters.

"After William<sup>1</sup> Gray went to the war, the British Tories came to his home, took the shoes from his wife Lydia's feet, cut out the piece she was weaving from the loom, drove off all her cattle, horses, and other stock, they also took her five slaves. All this time her three boys stood by, too little to help their mother when they lashed her with a big whip as she remonstrated; but they vowed that when they were men they would find this man and give him back blow for blow. The Tories left Lydia Gray only one little crippled mare her husband kept to raise colts, one of whom he rode away to battle. After the battle this horse found his way back home, but his brave rider lay sleeping at Kings Mountain.





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"Lydia Gray's patriotic neighbors arose, took her stock away from the Tories who had it, and her slaves back to her. They gave this Tory warning to leave the county in so many days, which he was glad to do. After the news of her husband's death came, Lydia Gray lost her mind and was shut up in one of those old cabins for a time, maybe months, maybe years; her neighbors bringing her food and caring for her children. After a time she recovered her mind, gathered her children together, and went on living. One little girl had been taken by a family who had no children, and they begged to keep her, and were allowed to do so. (We have often speculated about this child.)"

Other documentary records of William<sup>1</sup> Gray are --

1. War Department Records at Washington, D. C. #1513860
2. U. S. Census of 1790 of North Carolina, Burke County, shows:  
"Lydia Gray, the family consisting of three males, two females and five slaves." (This was the only Gray family listed in Burke County, North Carolina. There were no other Grays in North Carolina.)
3. Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Vol. 75, page 3 is the following:

"Mrs. Carrie Wattles Fenton-----74009  
Born Oxford, Indiana.  
Wife of Aughy Campbell Fenton  
Descendant of William Gray  
Daughter of John Wattles b 1823 and Elizabeth Gray  
(1832-1904) his wife m 1850.  
Gr daughter Wm Gray (1802-85) and Sarah Cobb (1803-74)  
his wife m 1821  
Great gr daughter John Gray (1772-1856) and Mary Trumbo  
(1780-1824) his wife m 1801.  
Great great gr daughter William Gray and Lydia----  
(1747-1810) his wife.

William Gray (1745-80) enlisted 1777 in the 1st North Carolina Regiment under Col. Thomas Clark. He was born in England, killed at Kings Mountain."

4. Other Gray descendants listed in Lineage Book Vol. 75 are:  
Mrs. Lillie Wattles Petree - 74014  
Mrs. Emily Wattles Rhode  
Mrs. Bessie Rhode Bulta





## JOHN<sup>2</sup> GRAY (1772-1861)

### (Second Generation)

John Gray was born in Burke County, North Carolina in 1772, and died in 1861. His father was William Gray and his mother Lydia Gray. John Gray had two brothers and one sister.

When John Gray was five years old, his father William Gray enlisted in the Revolutionary War. When John was eight his father rode away to the battle of Kings Mountain. Afterwards the horse made its way home, but its rider had fallen at Kings Mountain. During this time John and his two brothers and a sister had seen the Tories drive off their mother's stock, take their slaves, loot the house, and lash their mother when she remonstrated. Nothing is known of the names or what became of his two brothers. His sister's name or fate is not known, except that she was taken by a family that had no children and raised as their own.

After the close of the Revolution in 1782, John Gray moved to Brooks Gap, Rockingham County, Virginia. In 1801 he married Mary Trumbo, a full blooded German, who was born in 1774 and died in 1834. The first son, William, was born at Brooks Gap. In 1802, John Gray, his wife and son moved to Clark County Ohio, where they resided for 13 years. In 1815 the John Gray family moved to Lawrence County, Indiana, where John Gray died in 1861.

There were 10 children born to John and Mary Gray; William, Dorothy, Lydia, John, Wesley, Jacob, Charles, Ephriam, James, Elizabeth, and Hamilton. The last four children were born in Lawrence County, Ind. After the death of his first wife, Mary (Trumbo) Gray in 1834, John Gray married a second time. There was one child, who it is thought died young.

In a letter written by Lillie Wattles<sup>5</sup> Petree (See reference) she states: "John Gray fought in the battle of Tippecanoe near Lafayette, Indiana, in 1811" and also that his son William<sup>5</sup> Gray, writing for a book on local history published in 1883, stated that "John Gray was a soldier of the War of 1812."

The battle of Tippecanoe was the final battle of the Indian War. As superintendent of Indian affairs, William H. Harrison had made 13 treaties with the Indians, securing a cession of large sections of land in the Northwest. Tecumseh, a chieftan of the Shawnee Indians, and his brother the "Prophet" objected to this giving up of the Indian lands, and claimed that the consent of all the tribes was necessary before the cession could be valid. The chiefs, they said, had "no right to barter away the land for a pewter ring or a keg of liquor." The result was a formidable Indian War, in which Governor Harrison defeated the Indians at Tippecanoe, near Lafayette, Indiana, (Nov. 6-7, 1811). This victory made Harrison a national hero, and he was admirably called "Old Tippecanoe." In the War of 1812 against England, General Harrison was in command of the American forces of the Northwest. In 1840 the slogan "Tippecanoe and Tyler too" elected William H. Harrison, President of the United States. He died one month after taking office.





## SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF JOHN<sup>2</sup> GRAY

1. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> GRAY, born 1802 at Brooks Gap, Rockingham County, Virginia,. In 1821 he married Sarah Cobb (1803-1874). In 1831 he moved to Vermillion County, Ill. and later to Warren County, Indiana, where he died in 1885. There were nine children born to William and Sarah (Cobb) Gray. They were: Semer, John, Mary, Ira, Esther, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Charles, Wesley and Thomas.
2. DOROTHY GRAY, born 1804, married Nathan Dix.
3. LYDIA GRAY, born 1807, married James Garton.
4. JOHN WESLEY GRAY, was born in 1809 and died in 1898. He married (1st) Evelyn Garton, a sister of James Garton and Zerelda Garton; she lived only a year after her marriage. John W. Gray married (2nd) Martha Rhode, after her death he married a third time, to Sarah Jane Rhode, the youngest sister of his second wife. John Wesley Gray lived in Warren County, Indiana, near Rainsville, most of his life. When he was a young man he was offered forty acres of land, where a great part of the south side of Chicago now lies, for a good team of oxen. He did not accept the offer as the land then was but a swamp. John Wesley Gray, was sort of patriarch in the community, as he was always helping those in need. He died of cancer at the age of 90, at the home of his eldest son Seymour at Ottawa, Kansas. Children: Seymour, (others not known) - 1 child 2nd wife; 4 children, 3rd wife.
5. JACOB GRAY, born 1811.
6. CHARLES GRAY, born 1813, died 1898, married Zerelda Garton. Charles B. Gray settled near St. Charles in Kane County, Ill. 8 May 1834, where he took up land. He was the first to put a plough in Kane County soil. Charles B. Gray and others of his family chartered the Free Methodist Church, writing the charter on a pile of rails at Round Grove. There were eight children born to Charles and Zerelda Gray. They were: Emily, Virgil, Sarah, John (a banker in Iowa), Mary, Duncan, Hamilton and Ellis. The last child, Ellis, born 1854 died 1936, married Rachael Brownfield. Ellis Gray lived at St. Charles, Ill. At one time he worked for Elgin National Watch factory, setting jewels in the watches by hand. He formulated a plan by which they could be machine set. Later he operated a string of roller-skating rinks. (Family tree of Charles H. Rhode furnished Ellis G. Rhode by his namesake Ellis Gray at the occasion of a visit at the Ellis Gray home in St. Charles, Ill. in 1912.)
7. EPHRIAM GRAY, born 1816.
8. JAMES MILTON GRAY, born 1818, died 1898, married Hannah Ruble.
9. ELIZABETH GRAY, born 1821, died 1863, married Joseph Rhode. Ten children: Mary, Harriet, Dora, John Wesley, Seymour, Esther, Sarah, Charles and Elizabeth. (See Chapter 3 Life of Joseph Rhode)
10. HAMILTON GRAY born 1825, married Isabel \_\_\_\_\_.





DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> GRAY  
(not complete)

1st Generation	2nd Gen.	3rd Gen.	4th Gen.	5th Gen.
<sup>1</sup> William Gray 1745-1780 m. Lydia Seymour 1 1747-1810	<sup>2</sup> John Gray 1772-1861 m. Mary Trumbo 1779-1824  (John Gray had 2 brothers and 1 sister named not known)	<sup>3</sup> William Gray 1802-1885 m. Sarah Cobb 1805-1874	<sup>4</sup> Eliz. Gray 1832-1914 m. John Wattles 1827-1911	<sup>5</sup> Roy Wattles Lilly Wattles m. J. Petree Dora Wattles m. W. Woody Emily Wattles m. Rhode Laure Wattles m. Rhode Carrie Wattles m. Fenton
			Semer Gray John Gray Mary Gray Ira Gray Ester Gray Eliz. Gray Dora Gray m J Rhode Chas. Gray Thomas Gray	
		Dorothy Gray 1804- m-Nathan Dix		
		Lydia Gray 1807- m-James Garton		
		John W. Gray 1809-1899 m Evelyn Garton m Martha Rhode m Jane Rhode	Seymour Gray	Mrs. J. B. Lutz
		Jacob Gray 1811-		
		Charles Gray 1813-1898 m Zerelda . Garton	Emily Gray Virgil Gray Sarah Gray John Gray Mary Gray Duncan Gray Hamil. Gray Ellis Gray	
		Ephram Gray 1816-		
		James M. Gray 1818- m-Lydia Ungst m-Hanna Ruble		Mrs. J. B. Kyte
		Eliz. Gray 1821-1863 m-Joseph Rhode	10 children (See Chap. 4)	
		Ham. Gray m Isabel		





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The short history of the Gray family was compiled from the following references:

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1. Lineage book vol. 75 page 3, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, giving the lineage of Carrie<sup>5</sup> Wattles Fenton, also other Gray descendants mentioned in the life of William<sup>1</sup> Gray.
2. U. S. Census of 1790 of North Carolina.
3. Draper -- King's Mountain and Its Heroes.

The following material in possession of Ellis G. Rhode:

1. Copy of application for membership to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C. made on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1909 by Mrs. Lilly Wattles<sup>5</sup> Petree, (Elizabeth William<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup> Gray). Application accepted 8 Oct. 1909.
2. Copy of letter written 8 Dec. 1925 by Lillie Wattles<sup>5</sup> Petree to Mrs. B. G. Kyte<sup>5</sup>, who was also a gr gr granddaughter of William<sup>1</sup> Gray.
3. Original letters and charts from Ellis<sup>4</sup> Gray (Charles<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>) of St. Charles, Illinois.

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